



## It's game on as hundreds are set to try activities

SPORT, music, arts and dance will be on the menu for the fifth annual Oswestry Community Games this weekend.

The event takes place on Sunday in the town's award-winning Cae Glas Park with local organisations providing free activities for people to try their hand at from 11am to 3.45pm.

Shropshire's Kelly Edwards, who

represented Team GB Judo at London 2012, Commonwealth Games 2014 and recently at the World Judo Championships in Budapest, is this year's guest of honour while Radio Shropshire's James Bond is the MC.

Last year saw about 1,000 people of all ages in the park, and organisers anticipate at least that number this year.

In addition to last year's activities, cricket, boxing, judo, tai chi, qigong, African drumming, belly dancing and street dancing will be available.

The Oswestry Otters Swimming Club will also be present at the games.

Ron Bond and Dave Andrews will be working together with the Walking for Health programme to offer a

variety of local walking opportunities.

Bartells will be providing music and Oswestry Border Counties School of Gymnastics will provide the closing ceremony finale.

The games have been sponsored by the Wynnstay Hotel, Gap personnel, Oswestry Town Council, Inclusively Fit Project and Oswestry

Sports Forum. Mayor Vince Hunt said: "I have always enjoyed the activities and marvel at the way the community comes together. What a great day out it is to see a showcase of organisations, to try a new sport, watch displays and enjoy art, music and dance."

"Year on year it gets bigger and better."

### RETAIL

## Store's offences spark food hygiene rating reminder

COUNCIL bosses have urged the public to check food hygiene ratings before choosing where to eat or buy their food after a Welshpool shop was fined £40,000 for environmental health offences.

First Stop Limited in Broad Street, Welshpool, appeared at Llandrindod Wells Magistrates Court in a prosecution led by Powys County Council's environmental health team.

The business pleaded guilty to 10 hygiene offences and asked for three more to be taken into consideration. The court heard a severe rat infestation was found. The premises had been awarded the lowest food hygiene rating of zero and the court heard the company failed to display the rating sticker correctly. After the case, Councillor Jonathan Wilkinson, the council's cabinet member for environmental health, said: "In this instance, First Stop (Welshpool) Limited fell far short of the standards expected of them, to a point where officers had to take immediate action to prevent a risk of injury to health. The presence of rats in a food premises is unacceptable, these rodents carry harmful diseases that can be passed to humans through food."

● Fine - See Page 10

# TOWN COULD BE ENTERPRISE HUB

Report by Sue Austin

**OSWESTRY** could be transformed into a regional hub for new businesses under new ambitious plans.

The plans have sprung from consultation by those behind the project to make Oswestry a Business Improvement District (BID).

Businesses will be balloted in February on whether they want Oswestry to be named a BID zone. It will mean a small levy on the rates of those within the BID area if the ballot is in favour.

But supporters say it will also lever in vital, outside funding to improve the town over five years and bring in crucial investment for Oswestry. Two workshops were held last week to give businesses the chance to discuss key activity areas and shape the budget for the BID business plan.

BID chairman Ian Follington said the workshops had been extremely worthwhile.

He said: "There are several good projects that promote the town as a shopping and tourism venue and one thing we could do would be to help bring these together."

"We could see Oswestry become a regional hub for new and growing businesses."

"We have a great deal of talent in a wide range of areas, from retail to agricultural diversification. As new businesses flourish and grow this would in turn bring benefits to the retail centre of town and the area as a whole."

"We will be looking at a five-year business plan and feeding ideas from those workshops into it."

"We are also carrying out a survey of a wide range of local businesses which will also be used to put the plan together. We hope to put the business plan out to consultation in the lead-up to the ballot in February."

## Blooming great effort recognised by judges



Celebrating the fantastic In Bloom triumph are workers from Greenfingers, the specialist company which looks after the award-winning Cae Glas Park in Oswestry, from left, Pete Parry, Mike Harding and Pete Davis and, front, Keiffer Thomas

OSWESTRY'S civic pride and its magnificent park have seen the town win a coveted place in the national Britain in Bloom competition.

It took the title of best large town in the Heart of England In Bloom competition and is three of the winners going through to compete with the rest of the UK in 2018.

A rallying cry to the people of Oswestry to pull out all the stops over the coming months has been made by its In Bloom chairman

Betty Gull. Miss Gull said: "This is wonderful for Oswestry and we have the chance now to make our name in Britain in Bloom. We really need people to do everything they can for when the judges visit next year."

"The support from everyone has been wonderful and we have to keep this going into next year."

Miss Gull was among the delegation to pick up Oswestry's awards, which included best

horticultural site for Cae Glas Park, at a ceremony at Warwick Castle last week.

It is the first time that Oswestry, which is one of the smallest of the large towns, has been named overall winner for the category and gone through to the national competition.

Judges said they were impressed from their arrival at the British Ironwork Centre right up until the end of the day when they visited the town to judge its efforts.

### CELEBRITY

## Becks surprises the heck out of villagers

THE pitch at Llanrhaeadr FC has never had such a famous pair of feet grace its turf.

Villagers in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant near Oswestry were stunned when football legend David Beckham turned up.

The former England captain was in the village filming an advert and his helicopter used Llanrhaeadr's pitch as a landing spot.

Those that met Beckham described him as a "real gent".

● Lands - See Page 40

### INSIDE

## Pet lovers show off pride and joy



PAGE 26



## E C HOLLYWELL

**HUGE SELECTION  
OF PAINTED FURNITURE  
IN STOCK**

• Complete House  
Furnishers  
• Carpet Specialists -  
Est 1957

27-41 Beatrice Street, Oswestry 01691 653449

**FREE  
DELIVERY**

**0% FINANCE  
AVAILABLE**

sales@echollywell.co.uk





## CONTACT US

**Associate Editor:** Iain St John:  
01691 668094  
news@oswestrychronicle.co.uk

**Reporter:** Sue Austin: 01691 668099  
sue.austin@shropshirestar.co.uk

**Reporter:** Jonny Drury 01691 668098  
jonny.drury@shropshirestar.co.uk

**Sport:** Dave Cooper: 01952 241475  
dave.cooper@shropshirestar.co.uk

**Photographic:** 01691 668094

**Regional advertising sales manager:**  
Alison Jukes: 01743 283330  
alison.jukes@shropshirestar.co.uk

**Advertising supervisor:**  
Beverley Thompson: 01691 668092  
beverley.thompson@shropshirestar.co.uk

**Sales representative:**  
Connor Harris: 01691 668090  
connor.harris@shropshirestar.co.uk

**Sales representative:**

14 Salop Road, Oswestry  
SY11 2NU  
www.oswestrychronicle.com

## THE CHRONICLE'S CODE OF PRACTICE

The Chronicle's policy is to correct errors as soon as we can. Please contact us if you are unhappy with the accuracy of any story. The Chronicle adheres to the Editors' Code of Practice, which can be seen at [www.ipso.co.uk](http://www.ipso.co.uk)

We are regulated by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (Ipso). Complaints about stories should be referred firstly to us at [iain.stjohn@shropshirestar.co.uk](mailto:iain.stjohn@shropshirestar.co.uk) or by post to Iain St John, Associate Editor, Oswestry & Border Chronicle, 14 Salop Road, Oswestry, SY11 2NU. If we cannot reach a resolution, contact Ipso at [complaints@ipso.co.uk](mailto:complaints@ipso.co.uk) or by post at Ipso, c/o Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London EC1N 2JD

# Mums and midwives have say on maternity services

Report by Aimee Jones

**MOTHERS and midwives have attended a meeting on the future of maternity care in Shropshire.**

Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are holding a series of meetings to get feedback from families who have used maternity services.

It comes as health bosses are reviewing the way the services are delivered in Shropshire.

The first community workshop took place in Oswestry last week and was fully booked.

Liz Grayston, a mother-of-four who is leading the campaign to save the town's midwife-led unit, said the two-and-a-half hour long session was a chance for people to have their say.

"It was fabulous to see such a good turnout of mothers and members of staff, as well as representatives from the CCG and Shropshire Council," she said. "The workshop worked well and there was a good balance of different opinions. We were sat around tables and asked to come up with ideas and priorities.

"I think they are genuinely trying to gather the views of local mothers but whether or not they actually take those views into consideration, only time will tell."

Earlier this year it was revealed Oswestry, Ludlow, and Bridgnorth midwife-led units (MLU), will be closed for up to six months from July 1.

Mrs Grayston said: "What is certainly clear is that there is going to be changes and we can't take for granted that the MLU is going to re-open in the New Year with the same services.

"The message from the CCG was that they haven't made a decision yet. They seemed quite definite about that but the cynical part of me finds that quite hard to believe."

A further five workshops will take place across Shropshire during September, including an extra date in Shrewsbury, and the CCG is urging dads and partners to also get involved.

## Village's classic bike and car show revs up



Forден Vintage and Classic Show organiser Richard Davys-Jones is looking forward to welcoming exhibitors and visitors

CLASSIC motorcycles and cars will pack the fields of a village to raise money for local organisations.

The Forден Vintage and Classic Bike and Car show began back in 2010 as an idea to raise money for the village's primary school.

In its first year it raised £600, and since then that total has leapt up with £8,000 raised for the school and a host of other organisations in and around the village.

This year's eighth annual show will take place at Forден Community Centre on Sun-

day, with enthusiasts coming from all over the country to see the classic vehicles.

Richard Davys-Jones who came up with the idea is hoping the show can grow even further this year. He said: "Last year we had about 2,000 people visit to see the classic cars and all the other spectacles we have. People come from all over to show their bikes. It started when the Friends of Forден School were raising money, and I pitched the idea of the motorcycle and car show."

"It went from there really, and it has really helped the school, but it isn't just the school it helps, there are a host of organisations who have benefited from it.

"In the past we have had one person come over from Switzerland to the event, and others have come from Nottingham, London and all over really." Up to 200 classic cars will be on show, alongside vehicles such as camper vans and caravans. The show will run from 10am to 4pm, and entry is £5 per adult and children under 16 are free.



### Are you looking for an idyllic, peaceful holiday retreat?

Visit Ithon Valley Lodge Park, an exclusive development of 15 luxury lodges situated close to the historic town of Llandrindod Wells.

OPEN 50  
WEEKS OF THE  
YEAR!

#### Prestige Rochester 40'x20'

2 Bed, Ensuite, Walk in Wardrobes, Bathroom, Open Plan Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Area, Large Decking

£99,995

#### Carnaby Willow Lodge 41'x13'

2 Bed, Ensuite, Bathroom. Open Plan Kitchen, Lounge, Extra 'Fold-Out' Bed, Dining Area, Complete with Decking

£69,995

For a **FREE** Brochure call:  
**01244 752 647**  
**www.ithonvalley.co.uk**



### GERMAN ELECTRIC HEATING ON YOUR DOOR STEP



### GREAT TIME TO REPLACE YOUR OLD NIGHT STORAGE HEATERS



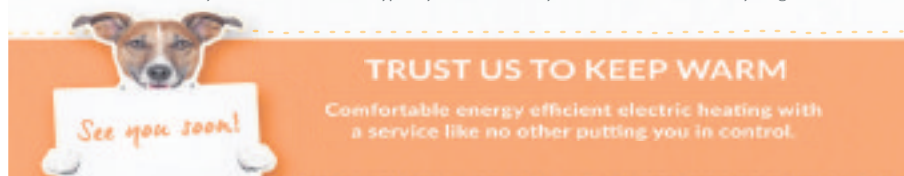
**TAILORED SERVICE**  
We listen to your needs



**NO MESS, NO FUSS**  
Typically fitted in one day



**CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
At the heart of everything we do



### TRUST US TO KEEP WARM

Comfortable energy efficient electric heating with a service like no other putting you in control.

CHESTER  
(01244) 371445

Your Home

Call us now for a free survey & free info pack

**northwest**  
heating solutions

Your local German Electric Heating Specialists

WWW.NORTHWESTHEATINGSOLUTIONS.CO.UK



## Talks are held over factory incident

FACTORY bosses met community representatives on Monday night after sawdust "rained" from the sky over homes and cars.

The particles in the air fell on Chirk near Oswestry after equipment at the Kronospan factory became blocked last week.

The meeting of the business's environmental liaison committee included councillors from both the town and county borough councils.

Council officers said the talks on Monday were positive and inquiries will continue.

Wrexham Council's environmental health department has begun an investigation into the release of the tiny particles from the factory, which makes medium density fibreboard, on Wednesday last week.

Kronospan apologised for the incident and asked residents affected to contact the company.

At least a dozen people rang the factory when they noticed particles which they said looked like they were raining from the sky.

Wrexham Council's lead for public protection, Hugh Jones, said: "Wrexham Council officers are currently investigating the circumstances of the incident in accordance with agreed procedures.

"Once that investigation is completed, the council will consider if any further action is required."

## Show committee hosts fundraiser

THE Llanfechain Show Committee is holding a fundraising event at Llanfechain Memorial Hall on Saturday at 7.30pm.

The evening titled "Sing We and Chant it" will feature the popular vocal ensemble The Scholars and Gentlemen.

Tickets are available from Llanfechain Community Shop.

# Housing plan 'needs community facilities'

Report by Sue Austin

**AN extension to Oswestry of up to 600 new homes should include community facilities, according to the town's civic society.**

Oswestry and District Civic Society says planners should consider an overall approach to the design of new estates, building in public transport links and local facilities.

It has written to Shropshire Council over plans for up to 600 homes on land off Shrewsbury Road on the southern edge of the town.

Developer, JR Ross, says the planned development will provide much needed homes for Shropshire.

Its masterplan includes homes set around an open green with pedestrian and vehicle links to the town centre, and to the nearby leisure centre and industrial estate.

There are also plans to build a pedestrian bridge over the A5/A483 to connect with a proposed new business park on the other side of the bypass.

David Ward, planning advisor to Oswestry and District Civic Society, says the society is concerned that the outline application includes no community facilities.

He said that to be truly sustainable the development needs community facilities.

Mr Ward said: "From the documents and the master plan submitted the society is of the view that no community facilities are proposed here.

"The centre of the site is at least 700 metres from the nearest shop and 1,500 metres from the centre of Oswestry.

"Inevitably, unless there are extraordinary efforts made within the development for public transport this will simply become yet another, car based development."

"There is an increasing urgency to achieve a low carbon economy.

"Whilst we have no objection in principle we would expect to see far more in the way of design before development commences."

He added: "We consider that the planning authority should take a total approach to design."

## Castle excavation site is targeted



Members of Oswestry Castle Research Project have been working on site since September 4

THE remains of Oswestry's ancient castle, which are currently the focus of an excavation project, were targeted by vandals in a spray-painting attack.

The Oswestry Castle Research Project has been awarded a £32,300 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to research the castle's past.

A team of archaeologists and volunteers have been on site, uncovering the castle remains, since September 4.

But police say the site was targeted by vandals with the attack happening between 3pm on September 10 and 9am on Monday last week. Roger Cooper, who is leading the project, said vandals had slashed the tent and sprayed a section of the castle with paint.

"Defacing an ancient monument is a crime in itself," he said. "They've sprayed pink paint on a section of the castle. They also slashed through the tent and com-

pletely ruined it. We do take all of the expensive equipment out at night, but it was completely written off and we've had to buy another which is annoying because it is eating into money that could be used for excavation." Mr Cooper said a similar incident happened when they were working on a castle project in 2015. "They took a pick axe and slashed it through the tent so we had to buy another tent then," he added.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Tractor event to pull in crowds

SOME of the most powerful tractors from Britain and beyond will be taking part in a charity weekend at the end of the month.

The super tractors will be the stars of the tractor pulling event at Marches Farm, Ruyton-XI-Towns on September 30 and October 1.

Organised by Shropshire businessman Gary Penton, the annual event raises thousands of pounds each year for Hope House and Severn Hospice.

This year Dutch champion, Rob van der Waal, will be bringing his machine, Maximum Risk, over to Britain to take part.

The event raised £23,000 last year.

### Police in appeal over vehicles fire

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after six vehicles were intentionally set on fire in Llanymynech.

At 10.10pm on Monday, police received a report of several cars on fire at Pant Motor Bodies in North Road. The fire spread, causing damage to a nearby residential property.

Detective Sergeant David Meyer said "Fortunately no-one was injured in this incident, however substantial damage has been caused to both the vehicles and a nearby property. We are still conducting enquiries in order to establish the full circumstances surrounding this incident and are eager to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the incident or may have been travelling on North Road and saw anyone acting suspiciously."

### Deputy mayor resigns from role

OSWESTRY'S deputy mayor has resigned from her position, because of ill health.

Councillor Rebecca Evans wants to remain a member of Oswestry Town Council but has asked for a six-month, leave of absence, to recover.

With Councillor Evans relinquishing her post it will mean the council will have to appoint a new deputy mayor. Mayoral duties are handed down year-on-year on a seniority rota.

★★★★  
WYNNSTAY  
HOTEL & SPA



*Bridal Open Day*

**Sunday 8th October 2017 11:00am – 3:00pm in the Paddock Suite**

Complimentary parking, **FREE** entry and a glass of Prosecco on arrival

On the day you will have the opportunity to view our function facilities which will be set for a Wedding Breakfast and a Civil Ceremony

Our Bridal Suite and a selection of our bedrooms will be available for you to look around

A few select exhibitors on hand to help create your perfect wedding

20% food voucher available to use on the day for Brides and their guests registering at the event  
(Terms & Conditions apply)

★★★★

Church St, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 2SZ Tel: 01691 655261  
info@wynnstayhotel.com www.wynnstayhotel.com



Morgans Windows, Doors & Conservatories specialise in creating bespoke canopies. Our range offers structurally engineered stylish solutions for almost any covered area requirements. Available in standard or bespoke designs to suit any purpose. We offer a free no-obligation quote within 48 hours.



Tel: 01691 672014 Email: pr@morgansltd.com  
www.morgansdoorsandwindows.com  
Mile End Business Park, Oswestry, SY10 8NN





# USE YOUR LOFT!



## Bison Loft Ladders

Access your loft safely and easily with Bison loft stairs. A "gas" strut mechanism requiring just fingertip control makes opening and closing your loft stairs exceptionally easy.

- Fully manufactured by us in the Midlands
- Free Survey
- "Bison" loft ladders, only available from us
- Full 4 year parts & labour guarantee
- The only product available with a safety handle in the loft
- Fitted in approx 2 hours (including making the opening larger)
- NEW:** Now available in white no painting required
- NEW:** Now complete with "comfort" feet to protect carpets and wooden floors.

**£395**  
Special offer for limited time

**£299**  
(incl VAT)  
Quote Ref ZZ

Safety hand rail  
Unique to Bison



**Over 10,000**  
Installations

**NEW:** Long Safety Side Handles\*  
\*at extra cost

We also fit loft flooring, lighting and roof windows.  
All major credit cards accepted

### theloftstairscompany

The Loft Stairs Company, Unit 60, Atcham Industrial Estate, Shrewsbury SY4 4UG  
Visit our website [www.theloftstairscompany.co.uk](http://www.theloftstairscompany.co.uk)  
Freephone 0800 389 1281  
or mobile friendly 01743 761499

## LOCAL PRODUCE & CRAFTS

### TO BE HELD ON BAILEY STREET & THE BAILEY HEAD



on **FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER**  
[www.oswestrymarket.co.uk](http://www.oswestrymarket.co.uk)

## Jolly Garden

Cantonese & English Food Takeaway

**Jolly Garden loyalty points**

Collect loyalty points with every online order  
(100 points = £10 voucher)





**Register today and get 20 free points!**

Jolly Garden, Smithfield Street, Oswestry, SY11 2EG  
[www.jollygarden.co.uk](http://www.jollygarden.co.uk) 01691 654569



**ROOFING GUARANTEED**  
All work is covered by our company insurance  
Over 40 years experience  
**NO JOB TOO BIG OR SMALL**  
For a FREE QUOTATION please call Gil on  
**07703 558816**  
Your Local Friendly Roofer



Gordon Fleming

# Pervert ex-teacher jailed for 10 years

A FORMER teacher from Oswestry has been jailed for a total of 10 years for historic sex offences against young girls.

Gordon Fleming, aged 66, was sentenced for the crimes which he admitted carrying out against his victims in the 1970s and 1980s.

He was sentenced at Swansea Crown Court for 34 counts relating to 35 victims.

Fleming abused the children over a six-year period in the 1970s and 1980s. Last month he pleaded guilty to indecent assault against 11 girls under the age of 13 while teaching

at schools in North Wales, meaning that he has now pleaded guilty to 35 counts of indecent assault against young girls. He previously pleaded guilty to 24 counts of indecent assault.

Judge Geraint Walters had told him to expect a "significant prison

sentence". He said: "This represents a serious breach of trust for a junior school teacher abusing so many young girls." Fleming had previously been convicted of similar offences, at Chester Crown Court. He will also be put on the sex offence register.

# More work needed on potential homes sell-off

Report by Dominic Robertson

**CONSULTANTS** asked to look at the possibility of selling more than 4,000 council homes have been commissioned to do more work on their review.

Property firm Savills have been asked by Shropshire Council to review "future options" for its housing stock, currently managed by STAR Housing and based in Oswestry and Bridgnorth.

Previous council leader Malcolm Pate authorised the review of the stock and said that all options were being considered.

## Mother taking steps to help

A MOTHER is taking on a marathon walk to help more children like her son access a free powered wheelchair.

Susan Boag's son, four-year-old Noah who has cerebral palsy, was given a Wizzybug wheelchair two years ago.

She said it has "opened up" Noah's world.

The NHS does not generally fund powered wheelchairs for children under five, which means families are faced with expensive alternatives or manual chairs which many children struggle to use.

Susan, from Oswestry, will be travelling to London on Saturday to walk 26.2 miles in aid of the charity, Designability, which gave Noah the wheelchair he needed to gain the independence and freedom of a toddler.

To sponsor Susan's challenge, people can visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-boag4](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-boag4)

An initial report was completed earlier this year but it has now emerged that the council has requested more work from Savills, which it says will take another six months to complete. The council has also moved to reassure tenants of the homes, insisting their properties are not at risk.

Councillor Dean Carroll, Shropshire Council's deputy cabinet member for housing, said: "We are continuing our work with property expert, Savills to ensure that we have enough of the right housing for the people of Shropshire, both now and in the future. This work is expected to take around six months to complete. We know that our tenants' homes are important to them and we want to reassure them that their homes are not at risk."

The council said that a valuation of the homes of around £180 million does not reflect the amount it would receive if they were sold.

The most recent valuation from March put the price at £470.5 million, although that figure does not reflect the true value as it is the assessment based on vacant homes at open market value.

## Mikey aiming for success



Mikey Hall has battled illness recently but aims for more sporting success

A PARALYMPIAN is setting his sights on Tokyo 2020 after battling a life threatening illness.

Archer, Mikey Hall, has been in hospital for more than two months and is facing several more weeks before he can be discharged.

However he says he is now aiming to compete in the Paralympic Games in three years time. Mikey, from St Martins near Oswestry, represented his country at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.

Just days before he was due to compete in

a competition in the Czech Republic he was rushed into hospital for emergency surgery. After the operation on June 30 he suffered with septicaemia and placed in an induced coma and was on life support.

"Sometime I wonder 'why me' - again," he said. "But I have to look to the future. I have had so much support and messages from people. Lots of people have dropped in to see me including my coach and teammates."

"My aim is to be back in training in January."



**Tel: 01746 762666**  
[www.nockdeightonagricultural.co.uk](http://www.nockdeightonagricultural.co.uk)



 <p><b>WHITE GATES</b> Kynnersley Drive, Lilleshall, Newport</p> <p>An exciting opportunity for renovation/ redevelopment set in approx. 28.48ac (11.51ha)</p> <p><b>GUIDE PRICE: £450,000 - £500,000</b></p>	 <p><b>2 STONE HOUSE</b> Knowbury, Ludlow</p> <p>3 Bed traditional Cottage including four parcels of land totalling 10.40ac (4.21ha) for sale in three lots</p> <p><b>GUIDE PRICE: £255,000 - £315,000</b></p>
--	--

**FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION**  
(subject to conditions and/or prior sale)

**ON THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 6:00PM**  
At Bridgnorth Livestock & Auction Centre, Bridgnorth, WV16 4QR

	<p><b>HALL FARM</b> Ditton Priors, Bridgnorth, WV16 6SN</p> <p>A Grade II Listed Farmhouse with potential for modernisation, set within approx. 1.89ac (0.76ha)</p> <p><b>FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY</b> Guide Price: £350,000 - £400,000</p>
---	---



**MORE**

**MORE**

**MORE**

**Oswestry & Border Chronicle**  
distributes **more copies** in Oswestry  
than any other publication

To find out more about advertising call  
**Beverley Thompson on 01691 668092**

SOURCE: Local Media Works | JCREG 01.11.2015 | Postal Sectors: SY10 7, SY10 8, SY10 9, SY11 1, SY11 2, SY11 3, SY11 4

**OSWESTRY & BORDER**  
**CHRONICLE**



# Council calls for support for road improvement requests

Report by Sue Austin

**A VILLAGE plagued by potholes and fast roads is being over-looked when it comes to highway improvements, its parish councillors say.**

Councillors from Weston Rhyn – which has twice missed out on the inclusion of its road safety submission in Shropshire Council's highways programme – made their frustration known to the leader of the unitary authority at a meeting. Councillor Peter Nutting attended the September parish council meeting to address the highway issues flagged up by councillors.

## Electric car charging plan mooted

OSWESTRY could be only the second town in Shropshire to install charging ports for electric and hybrid cars in a public car park.

Councillor Paul Milner was due to ask members of Oswestry Town Council markets and car parks committee to back the idea at a meeting last night (Wednesday).

Councillor Milner said the charging points would help to make the town more attractive to visitors.

Ahead of the meeting, he said: "Hopefully the council will support the notice of motion because I have had people come to me saying they've had visitors to the town ask them if there's anywhere to charge their cars. Last year I knew only one or two people who had electric cars but now I know a dozen or so who have them so this is a chance for the council to be forward thinking." Councillors were due to discuss the idea of installing car charging bays in one or all of the council-owned car parks. Councillor Milner said that he would like to see a charging point at one of the central car parks in the town but that the costs of the proposal would have to be considered.

Currently Shropshire's only charging station on a public car park is in Church Stretton.

## Artists inspired by castle



**Artist Pam Oliver from Bangor on Dee takes inspiration from Whittington Castle**  
A GROUP of artists are showing off their work in the historical setting of a 900-year-old castle.

Members of the Wrexham Arts Group are hosting an exhibition of their work at Whittington Castle near Oswestry.

Inspired by a recent painting workshop at the venue, members asked castle manager Sue Ellis if they could hold an exhibition there.

During the summer months the group holds regular painting days and visits some of the most scenic and picturesque places in the area.

Members took inspiration from the castle steeped in history which is set in about 12

acres and is the remains of a Norman home. Miss Ellis said their work will be on display until October 1.

"The story behind the exhibition is that recently they came on a painting expedition to Whittington Castle and were inspired, so decided they would like to have an exhibition here," she said. "They're all amateur artists and there is a collection of all different styles of art from water colours to oil paintings and pencil sketches."

The Wrexham Art Group was formed 66 years ago by a group of amateur artists who attended a local art school in the town.

Whittington Castle is open from Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm.



**THE WELSHPOOL  
& LLANFAIR  
LIGHT  
RAILWAY**

**TRAINS 5 DAYS A  
WEEK IN SEPTEMBER**

- Diesel Day Saturday 23rd September
- Tearoom and Picnic area
- Children's Playground

**Rain or Shine,  
a great day out!**

Full information and on-line discounts at

[www.wllr.org.uk](http://www.wllr.org.uk)  
or call 01938 810441

**A&G House  
Removals**

- Single Items/Full House
- Collections/Deliveries
- Local and Long Distance

**Established for 23 years**

**T: 01691 680097**

**M: 07926 995767**

[www.aghouseclearance.org.uk](http://www.aghouseclearance.org.uk)

**SALE  
NOW ON**



**Shannon  
Sales**

**Furniture & Carpets**

We are **complete** house furnishers, selling everything your home could possibly need. We offer the widest selection of electric reclining chairs and beds in the area and with experienced staff to advise and assist you with your purchase, you need look no further than Shannon Sales to create the perfect home.



[www.shannonsales.co.uk](http://www.shannonsales.co.uk) ☎ 01691 773257 ☎ Monday - Saturday ☎ The Old School - Chirk - LL14 5NA



## BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Someone asked me last weekend why all the doom and gloom surrounding Powys County Council had slowly vanished along with threats of massive cuts to just about every one of the authority's troubled departments. And my response was "be afraid, be very afraid."

It seems to me – just as it did to my inquisitor – that the majority of essential cost savings identified by the outgoing council, prior to the May elections, have gone by the wayside with new portfolio holders keen to impress by holding back on many of the proposals.

Health, education, highways, leisure service and recycling areas were among the areas earmarked for major cost-savings and it would be fair to ask why the council cabinet has stalled so far. Well yes, many of the newcomers are still finding their way around County Hall and have probably gained a little in the popularity stakes with voters, but the day of reckoning is just around the corner.

The honeymoon period is well and truly over now and some very tough decisions will need making, and made very quickly, if the council is to come anywhere near to its budget target for 2017/18. Any temptation to dip into revenue reserves for a quick fix will prove short-termism and must be resisted.

So don't be surprised if the "doom and gloom" returns because some very unpopular decisions are going to have to be made if the county council is to avoid financial collapse. And some of those decisions will affect us all.

The brilliant efforts of those who work so hard to keep Oswestry looking so "blooming" good have been rewarded with a major honour in the Britain In Bloom finals – and it really is a fully deserved honour.

Judges have ruled that Oswestry is the best large town in the heart of England with the stunning floral display in Cae Glas Park picking up a special award, marking the hard work of a small, but dedicated team, who work with such a passion to keep the park looking spectacularly colourful.

The Britain In Bloom awards give towns the chance to shout about some of the displays created by enthusiasts and council staff in their community and Oswestry has long been a shining example in Shropshire and now deservedly in the heart of England.

Judges simply couldn't help but be impressed.



He's up – our man Mark is on his wheels



He's down – Mark needs a hand at the new sport



And he's down again – Mark takes another tumble

# Roller derby sport offers plenty of ups and downs

**Roller derby is growing in popularity and our man MARK ANDREWS has a go at finding his feet**

**SO, what advice would you give to somebody trying roller derby for the first time?**

"Get a good set of pads," says Lauren Hamilton.

"When I started, I was falling down every two minutes, I fell down on my face, and I had a bruise that was very big and purple. Other people don't bruise as much as me."

Er right, I think I've got an idea of how this one is going to pan out. Lauren, who is offering me advice as I prepare to step on to the track for the first time, is fit, agile, in her late 20s, and appropriately dressed for sporting activity. And me? Well, I've got a good set of pads.

Roller Derby is probably the fastest growing sport you have never heard of, having seen a surge in popularity since featuring in the Hollywood movie Whip It. And the Evolution Roller Derby club, which meets every Thursday at Sundorne Youth Centre in Shrewsbury, has just received a £2,100 boost from Sport England to buy new equipment which will allow it to enter a roller derby league next year. The sport is being rolled out to other parts of Shropshire too, including Oswestry.

Lauren, who lives in the Aqueduct area of Telford, only took up the sport in March this year, having been introduced to it by a friend. But despite her early stumbles, she quickly found she was hooked.

The game involves two teams of 10 to 15 members skating in the same di-



Roller derby sessions have been held throughout Shropshire including Oswestry

rection around the track at the same time. There are only five members of each team on the track at any one time, with the others waiting in the wings as substitutes. Each team will nominate a "jammer", who scores by lapping their opponents, with the remaining players being "blockers" who try to stop them.

"You can cut in to shove them out of the way, that's fine," says club chairman and coach Sarah Evans. "You can make contact up to the shoulder blade, but you can't go below the middle of the thigh. You can't hit or elbow your opponent, but you can shoulder charge them." No wonder they wear protective gear.

As well as trying to stop the opposing jammer, the blockers also try to help their own jammers overtake their ri-

vals. So as you can imagine, there is a lot of pushing and shoving.

Sarah, 28, from Welshpool, took up the sport just over four years ago, at the suggestion of a friend. "I had never heard of it before, and hadn't been on roller skates since I was eight," she says.

"It was just so different from anything I had been offered before. I went to a small school in Mid Wales where I had to do netball or hockey.

"It's an incredibly inclusive sport which accepts players from every walk of life, no matter what your size, shape or current fitness level. We have a diverse range of members, from early 20s to early 50s, including students, parents and carers, and many more."

The club has been receiving support

from Shropshire sports partnership Energize, which helped it lodge the bid with Sport England for the skates, helmets, pad and wrist guards.

Thankfully, I won't be doing any jamming or blocking in my first session, which is just as well, as there is the small matter of getting from the bench on to track. "Put both hands on your thigh and lift yourself up," says Sarah as I struggle to stand. After falling flat on my face, Sarah suggest it might be wise to crawl on my hands and knees to the edge of the track.

"Keep away from the wall, don't be tempted to use that to support you," says Sarah, adding that it is important to keep the knees bent so you fall the right way when lose your balance. Needless to say I do just that, but I'm getting better. I am now falling down like a pro.

"Keep your head up so you can see where you are going, don't look down or you will fall," says Sarah. "It's like driving a car, you need to see where you are going."

After a few false starts I do manage to (almost) complete a full circuit without falling over – although our photographer had to make a few deft moves to avoid me crashing in to him. Privately I'm feeling quite pleased with myself. As the club prepares to enter the league next year, the club is looking for new members, and hopes to use the new equipment to allow prospective new members to try the sport out, without having to commit. "As well as our regular Shrewsbury meetings, we've also been taking sessions out and about around other parts of Shropshire in recent months, including Oswestry, Wem and Baschurch," says Sarah. "We're looking for men and women aged 18 or over to get involved in our expanding club. It's a chance to learn how to roller-skate and have lots of fun at the same time."

## WORKING FOR YOU



Elephants are killed for their ivory and the world loses an elephant every 15 minutes. The latest Great Elephant Census in 2016, estimates that the population of savanna elephants is down 30 per cent – 144,000 elephants have been killed since the last census in 2009.

When I was Secretary of State at DEFRA, I visited Kenya to see for myself the shocking decline in Africa's elephant and rhinoceros populations. On return, I worked closely with the then Foreign Secretary, William Hague, to tackle the problem of international wildlife crime. At over \$23 billion per annum, this is the fourth largest source of illegal income for criminals and terrorists. We understood that such an ambitious project required global agreement. We took a world lead and used the extraordinary scope of the UK's international influence to convene the London Conference on the Illegal Wildlife Trade at Lancaster House in 2014. The London Conference was the largest ever of its kind, bringing together 46 countries. It agreed a strategy to prevent poaching: improving enforcement, reducing market demand and supporting communities to find viable economic activities. The London Declaration also saw the creation of the Elephant Protection Initiative by five African leaders, calling for domestic ivory markets to close and support for elephant conservation under a common platform.

Internationally, the US domestic market closed last summer, with workable, pragmatic exemptions for some antiques. China – the largest market in the world – is committed to act before the end of the year. We saw the first concrete signs of this commitment at the end of March, when the closure of 67 (one-third) of Chinese ivory factories and retail stores was announced. The UK must act now to ensure that we do not fall behind and lose our prominent world leadership on wildlife crime. With the Illegal Wildlife Trade Conference returning to London in 2018, the gaze of the international community will be firmly upon us once again. We must take action to prove to the world that we are willing and able to lead on this issue as we have done before.

We should proceed with our commitment to introduce tighter legislation to close the domestic ivory market with appropriate exemptions covering objects of artistic, cultural and historical significance.

Owen Paterson  
North Shropshire MP

## Buy and sell with ClassifiedAds



# ClassifiedAds

BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL

1

Visit our ClassifiedAds website  
[classifiedads.shropshirestar.co.uk](http://classifiedads.shropshirestar.co.uk)



2

Call our Classified sales team  
on 01952 244 244



3

Self Serve - Create your own advert  
in print and online - visit:  
[bookanad.shropshirestar.co.uk](http://bookanad.shropshirestar.co.uk)





## Ship captain May is steering off course

WHAT I see is a captain of the ship stuck on a sand bank and screwing an already screwed tax payer paying £1 billion to 10 tug boats to pull her off.

This will end in tears because once she gets off the sand bank she will steer onto another one.

The arrogant captain Theresa May went off course long before she hit the sand bank, first she called a snap election thinking she would get back with a massive majority,

But the public are not as gullible as the Tories thought.

She believed the media and their own propaganda, they thought like many more that Mr Corbyn leader of the Labour Party could not possibly win the election or come anywhere close. Believing their own propaganda this clouded their judgment, not unlike Mr Cameron, when calling a referendum on the EU.

The next nightmare will be Brexit, the

parliamentary battle is about to begin (they have already started to dig their trenches) over the great repeal bill which will cancel the act which took us into Europe in 1973.

So I do not want to give Mrs May sleepless nights, but there are dark clouds on the horizon if Brexit goes wrong. It could harm the economy by £97bn which would hit tax receipts by £36bn.

**RON JOWETT**  
Shifnal

## Pony programme got learners in the saddle



Riding a pony? It's as easy as falling off a log. Or pony. Back in 1981 Oswestry Riding Centre, at Fron Uchaf, Weston Rhyn, ran a Learn To Ride course for adults. These students learning the ropes, or rather reins, are Mrs Hazel Aspden, Miss Roma Giles, Miss Nicky Bull, and Miss Cynthia Long with their tutor, Miss Karen Gittins, second left.

## Changes will mean there will be no more Lada jokes

AGAIN the current government fails to think through a policy before announcing it.

It is all well and good banning new petrol and diesel cars from 2040 for the sake of health, cleaner air and a chance to silence Jeremy Clarkson, literally, with electric cars, but be in no doubt Clarkson will still be going in 2040 even if they have to clone him. What the government has greatly under valued is the loss of a rich comic heritage that petrol and diesel cars have given us, especially the Lada.

Ah the Lada of the 1970s and 80s. You needed leaded boots to depress the clutch, a hammer to change gear with and they provided a steering wheel that sometimes moved the car in the direction that you wanted to go.

No BBC light entertainment show for the 70s and 80s would be complete without a Lada joke. This is one of the few uncontroversial items that you can mention from BBC light entertainment shows of that era.

**PETER STEGGLES**  
Longnor

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### POST

Readers' Letters,  
The Chronicle,  
14 Salop Road,  
Oswestry, SY11 2NU

### EMAIL

iajn.stjohn@  
shropshirestar.co.uk

Letters should be brief and **MUST** include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

## Tunes will change when PM is replaced

LOCAL Tory MPs Paterson, Kawczynski, Davies, Dunne, Pritchard and Allan all think Teresa May has done a good job. Not an honest one amongst them.

If they all think she has done well you have to question their judgement, or perhaps their motives. Let's face it - her election campaign in an unnecessary election which she called was a disaster. Also her ability to connect with the electorate was abysmal. When she is replaced most of them will change their tunes.

**ROD SHAW**  
Shrewsbury

## Overpaid BBC stars are just not worth our money

WELL we now know where our hard-earned cash we pay in television licence fees goes.

The question is not the equality of the pay, but the amount of it. Can it honestly be said that these so-called stars are worth so much more money than our Prime Minister?

I am sure the BBC would find as much talent if the top pay was £200,000, a figure millions can only dream about.

Some of the people paid millions I would not pay in rusty washers. Chris Evans I would not cross the street to see for free and Gary Lineker does not even rate.

There are complaints that only about one in 10 of the higher earners is from an ethnic background, well I would say that is about right for the population of the country.

The fact that the males are paid more than the females also stinks. In fact the BBC I believe is rotten to the core, the whole set up needs changing.

**D L BARNETT**  
Arleston

## Traffic chaos on our town roads do need to be sorted out now

I AM writing in response to the front page article giving Councillor Clare Aspinall's take on problems with traffic on Cabin Lane.

I have no idea when Councillor Aspinall saw cars speeding along Cabin Lane.

As I live in a road off Cabin Lane I am forced to use it quite often. Apart from the mobility scooter users driving along the road whilst walking their dogs, children dashing across to the recreation ground or people running out in front of moving cars to get to the shop two seconds quicker, the proliferation of parked cars around the roundabout area means it is usually tight for even one vehicle to pass through. Then there are the drivers who feel it is their right to park around the roundabout if there is no nearer space, and return requests to park elsewhere with a foul-mouthed tirade! It is well known that motorists avoid areas with speed humps as they damage the suspension and wheels of cars even when crossed at crawling pace, and then the number of cars turning down Ascot Way slows the traffic still further. Where is it possible to pick up speed? Given the likelihood of the proposed traffic changes to Middleton Road at the bottom of Ascot Way, that will push traffic still further through local rat runs, with a supposed increase of a further 1,200 cars when the 600 home development is built in the area, I hope Councillor Aspinall will look at representing all local residents, and sort this chaos out - not add to it.

**SUE STEWART**  
Oswestry

## Make feelings known to MPs

THE Government is planning to remove the safety net that protects our human rights.

We could be about to lose the laws that guarantee our right to privacy, stop unfair dismissal and give us the right to live in dignity when we're old.

Lots of MPs are already up in arms about the plans. One has even said that Prime Minister Theresa May will face "hell" trying to get them through.

But what's missing is the voice of the public - us - telling Theresa May that these plans can't go ahead.

A huge public outcry will show Theresa May that she'll never get this past MPs or the public.

If you think Britain should be leading the way on human rights - and not throwing them away - then make your voice heard as I have just done.

Petition your MP.  
But do it now.  
**JOHN HARRISON**  
Whixall

### Amsterdam Mini-Cruise & Christmas Markets

As you can well imagine from a capital city, Amsterdam is well-stocked for shops. In terms of sheer variety, the Dutch capital has it all, from huge international department stores to vintage, antique and boutique gift shopping. There are also market stalls which pop up around the city, particularly on Leidseplein and Koningsplein, for you to explore as you warm up with a glühwein or take a spin on the ice-rink.

### DFDS Mini-Cruise

Your mini cruise includes return coach transfers, so it's easy to see the sights and do your Continental shopping too. Once you have settled into your cabin we sit down for our evening meal in the restaurant. This evening you can watch the latest films in the cinema, catch the live music or even have a flutter in the casino, whilst there are simply some amazing bargains to be found in the on board shopping areas. All cabins on board have en-suite facilities and offer comfortable accommodation in which to relax.

### Your Tour Cost Includes

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Overnight cruising from Newcastle to Amsterdam and Return in a 2 Berth inside Cabin
- Dinner, Bed & Breakfast on Board the Overnight Ferry
- Transfer to Amsterdam
- Visit to Grassington Christmas Markets
- Visit to York Christmas Markets

### SUPPLEMENTS:

SINGLE CABIN £20

OUTSIDE TWO BERTH CABIN £10 per person

OUTSIDE TWO BERTH LOWER BEDS £15 per person

**3 DAYS 3rd - 5th December £165**

**All New Autumn & Winter Brochure out Now..**

**www.owenstravel.co.uk**



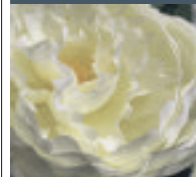
**Owen's COACHES**  
**OSWESTRY**  
**NEWTOWN**  
**WHITCHURCH**  
**SHREWSBURY**  
**WREXHAM**

**FREE MAILING AVAILABLE**

**01691 652126**  
**01686 626576**  
**01948 662361**  
**01743 770001**  
**01978 330003**

## David Davies & Sons

**FUNERAL DIRECTORS**  
**ESTABLISHED 1840**



A caring, compassionate and discreet service from a family business since 1840



1 Upper Church Street  
Oswestry • SY11 2AA

Oswestry **01691 653116** (24 hrs)  
**www.daviddaviesandsons.co.uk**

## LAND REQUIRED FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

- All tenure types considered
- With or without planning consent
- Planning and legal fees paid
- Introductory fees paid
- All areas across Shropshire and north Herefordshire considered

**Contact : Thomas Ashton MRICS**  
**on 01743 730130/ 07966 594513**

**thomas.ashton@floreathomes.co.uk**



Shropshire's traditional funeral directors on the banks of the River Severn

Shrewsbury's original family funeral directors are as much part of the local heritage as the River Severn. From our offices and award winning gardens on the banks of the River Severn at Coleham, Pugh's have provided a highly personal and professional funeral service to families at their time of need for over 120 years.

133 Longden Coleham,  
Shrewsbury SY3 7DN  
24 hour tel: 01743 344 646  
**info@pughsfuneraldirectors.com**  
**pughsfuneraldirectors.com**

**UNIT 4**  
**CANAL WOOD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**  
**CHIRK LL14 5RL**

→ RESTORATION & REPAIRS  
→ PAINT & PANEL REPAIRS  
→ CUSTOM & MODIFICATION  
→ MOT PREPARATION & SERVICING  
→ FULL OR PART RESTORATIONS

**TEL : 07407 113197**  
**01691 238282**

**DIRECT BLINDS** *Established Since 1988*  
Quality Made to Measure

**BUY 4**  
Vertical Blinds/  
roller blinds  
Fitted from  
**£199**

ROLLER BLINDS WOODEN BLINDS  
CONSERVATORY VERTICAL BLINDS  
BLINDS ROMAN BLINDS  
VENETIAN PLEATED  
BLINDS BLINDS

**Perfect Fit Blinds VELUX**  
**FREE MEASURING AND FITTING SERVICE** **Value for Money FAST Local Service**

**PROFESSIONAL CARPET CLEANING**  
**MADE TO MEASURE AND READY MADE CURTAINS**  
**MONTGOMERY FABRICS**

**www.directblindsshropshire.co.uk**  
**01691 670257**  
**www.easyfitblinds.co.uk**  
For Domestic & Commercial Premises  
**6 Oswald Road, Oswestry SY11 1RE**



# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Disability group to meet up again

THE speaker at the next meeting of Disability Oswestry will be Sylvia Jones from Leonard Cheshire Disability.

This month saw the centenary of Cheshire's birth, so Sylvia will be talking about him, plus their work with disabled people.

The meeting takes place on Wednesday next week at 10.30am in the back room at Hope Church on Laburnum Drive.

Next month's speaker on October 25 will be Margaret Davies from People 2 People's Local Support Swap, which tries to find ways to support unpaid carers locally.

Then on November 22 Jamie Jordan-Bailey will be talking about Headway Shropshire, who support people with acquired brain injuries.

The winter programme then includes talks on 'Living with dementia', and also Macmillan Cancer Support.

For more details contact Penny on (01691) 680382, or e-mail disabilityoswestry161@gmail.com

## Historic pub looks for an expansion

THE owners of a 16th century inn have submitted plans for a two-storey extension for hotel accommodation.

The plans for the West Arms in Llanarmon DC near Oswestry, which has listed building status, also include the demolition of a single-storey extension.

A statement on behalf of the applicants says: "The West Arms, because of its location and reputation, needs to expand and develop its potential."

The statement added: "The proposed expansion and development of the business will also generate job opportunities and jobs for the community."

# Custody for teenager over £2,000 drugs haul

Report by Lisa O'Brien

**A TEENAGER has been sent to custody for two years after police unearthed more than £2,000 worth of heroin and crack cocaine in Oswestry.**

Josh Mason was approached by police at his then home in Hazel Grove in August, Shrewsbury Crown Court heard.

A Kinder egg was recovered from the 19-year-old and 40 wraps of heroin and crack cocaine were found inside, the court was told. Paul Spratt, prosecuting, said officers then searched his home, including a vehicle parked outside. The court was told that in the dining room they found 210 wraps of heroin and crack cocaine. The drugs were valued at more than £2,000.

Mason, now of Walton Road, Liverpool, had admitted two counts of being in possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply at a previous hearing. Danny Smith, representing Mason, said he had been exploited by other people in a chain. He told the court: "He was engaged by pressure and coercion and some degree of intimidation by giving him the option of either being involved in this or the consequences would follow." The court heard he had started smoking cannabis at the age of nine or 10 and had eventually been smoking £80 worth of cannabis a day, although had not smoked in three to four weeks. A probation officer said he was "extremely remorseful" for his actions.

Judge Jim Tindal ordered the forfeiture and destruction of the drugs.

After passing sentence, Judge Tindal told Mason: "Take the next 12 months to sort your life out."

## Expert Dan has a taste for success



Wine expert Dan Davies is bringing his knowledge to Llangollen Food Festival

ONE of the UK's youngest head sommeliers who has served stars such as Sir Tom Jones and Coldplay frontman Chris Martin will be sharing his wine expertise at Llangollen Food Festival.

It will be quite the family affair for Dan Davies, 22, will be joining his father, festival stalwart Dai Chef, who will also be assisted by younger children Megan, 12, and Ellis, seven, for a cookery demonstration.

The event, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, has been named as one of the Top 10 food festivals in the UK by two national newspapers.

It's being held at the iconic Llangollen Pavilion on October 14 and 15.

Dan, who was brought up in Chirk, near Oswestry, and is currently head sommelier at the two-Michelin starred Whatley Manor Hotel in the Cotswolds, has also served two of the biggest names in the culinary world, Michelin-starred chef Heston Blumenthal and the queen of cakes, Mary Berry.

Now, he is looking forward to returning home to North Wales and helping visitors discover some exciting homegrown wines.

He grew up attending the Llangollen Food Festival.

## Planning approval for bid for new restaurant

AN Italian chef has been granted permission to open an authentic trattoria in Oswestry.

Enrico Vittone is well known for his real Italian pizzas, pasta dishes and cakes.

The businessman, who used to serve his food on the Bailey Head, is now opening a restaurant and take-away in Church Street.

He hopes it will be open in time for Christmas and has big plans for the future of the business.

Shropshire Council granted him permission to convert the former Lawrences newsagents, which has moved up the road, into a restaurant.

"It's been a long wait but now four and a half months later I've received the good news that I can open," he said. "We're going to start the work and refurbishment, which I think will take around two and a half months, and hopefully it will be open in December." Mr Vittone's new venture will be called Impero, which is Italian for emperor, and will have a Roman theme. The restaurant will be modelled on a popular eatery in Pompeii called Caupona.

He said: "Caupona does events which coincide with the Roman calendar so I'm hoping to have evenings where we have musicians and dancers which will reflect the story we want to tell."

Mr Vittone said he is also in talks with the Oswestry Town Council to stage an annual Roman festival. "The council are interested in my idea to have a big festival once a year in Cae Glas Park," he added. "I'd like it to be similar to what they do in Chester. There would be 15 or 20 people dressed up in armour like Romans acting out what Rome used to be like."

**2017 SALE**

BUY DIRECT FROM THE MANUFACTURERS

**SAVE UP TO 45% ON 'A' RATED WINDOWS**

**2017 SALE**

**UP TO 35% OFF**

**UP TO 35% OFF**

**UP TO 35% OFF**

**UP TO 35% OFF**

**Quality British Manufactured Composite Doors**

**UP TO 45% DISCOUNT** including the Solidor Range

**£595 inc VAT £648 inc VAT**

**FULLY FITTED - TEN YEAR GUARANTEE**

- GRP RESIDENTIAL DOORS
- STABLE DOORS
- BI-FOLD DOORS
- PATIO DOOR
- FRENCH DOORS
- PORCH CANOPIES
- FASCIAS AND SOFFITS
- GARAGE DOORS
- CONSERVATORIES
- SUN ROOMS
- ORANGERIES

- TILED ROOF CONSERVATORIES
- GARAGE ROOFS (GRP)
- FULL BUILDING SERVICE
- PLANS DRAWN
- PLANNING APPLICATIONS
- REPLACEMENT CONSERVATORY ROOFS
- CONSERVATORY SOLUTIONS - TOO HOT/ TOO COLD?

**SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER SPECIAL OFFERS**

[www.banburywindows.co.uk](http://www.banburywindows.co.uk)

OVER 40 YEARS OF QUALITY MANUFACTURE

**SHREWSBURY**

Tel: 01743 344858

Heathgates, Shrewsbury SY1 4BB

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm • Sun 10am-4pm

**BANBURY**

Alton Works, Long Bank, Bewdley, Worcestershire DY12 2UL

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm • Sat-Sun 10am-4pm

**BEWDLEY**

Tel: 01299 266527

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm • Sat-Sun 10am-4pm

All savings are based on previous prices at our head office branch during December 2015. Photographs are for illustration purposes only

**StarReaderTravel**

Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Return coach travel from Oswestry and Welshpool\*

\*Please note: Not all pick up points are available on all breaks

Your weekly newspaper

in association with

**Omega**

ABTA The Travel Association

**CHRISTMAS AT KEW GARDENS AND LONDON**

Saturday departures, 2 & 16 December 2017

**Quote Code: RJD044**

**Price Includes...**

- ✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star hotel within 30 miles of central London with full English breakfast
- ✓ Timed admission ticket to the Kew Gardens Illuminated Trail
- ✓ Free shopping time in central London on Sunday

**2 days, by coach**

**only £129.95pp**

View product online at [www.omega-holidays.com/RJD044](http://www.omega-holidays.com/RJD044)

Single room supplements £30pp. Subject to availability.

**CHRISTMAS AT DOWNTON & BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Departing Sunday 10 December 2017

**Quote Code: DVV475**

**Price Includes...**

- ✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star Reading/Wiltshire-area hotel on a half-board basis
- ✓ Admission to Highclere Castle
- ✓ Free time at Bath's Christmas Markets

**2 days, by coach**

**only £139.95pp**

View product online at [www.omega-holidays.com/DVV475](http://www.omega-holidays.com/DVV475)

Single room supplements £30pp. Subject to availability.

For more information or to book, please call:

**01743 455617**

Organised by Omega Holidays plc, ABTA V4782

OPENING TIMES:  
MON-FRI 8.30-19.00  
SAT 8.30-16.00  
SUN 10.00-16.00



## Permission for house near poet's birthplace

AN application to build near the birthplace of war poet Wilfred Owen has been given the green light.

Shropshire Council planning officers have given permission for a house to be built opposite Plas Wilmot in Oswestry.

Town councillors and residents objected to the proposal from Sheena Beach and said it would impact on the historical setting of the Grade II listed building where Wilfred Owen was born.

Owen died in November 1918, just days before the end of the First World War and is widely regarded as the best English war poet for his writing, which told of the horrors of trench warfare.

The initial application was for two homes but it was reduced to one following discussions with planning officers.

Shropshire Council case officer, Mark Perry, said the proposed house at Greenpastures in Weston Lane would cause a "very low level of harm" to Plas Wilmot.

A report by Mr Perry states: "Any development near to the listed building must ensure that there is no detrimental impact to its setting."

"The key factor in the extent of the impact on this listed dwelling is its proximity to the boundary and whether it is in an elevated position. The reduction to a single dwelling has allowed it to be moved well away from the boundary."

"The existing site is elevated well above the road and the Plas Wilmot site."

"While the application site is near to a listed building it does not immediately adjoin the listed building nor is it located in a conservation area."

# Former partner ripped up flooring in home

Report by David Banner

**A FAMILY returned home to find that the laminate floor of the hallway and living room had been completely removed.**

The laminated boards had been piled up four feet high in a bedroom and snapped in half.

Shaun Carl Pottinger, 32, who now lives in Chirk near Oswestry, was jailed for 12 weeks and was made the subject of an indefinite restraining order not to approach his former partner. Pottinger, described as a controlling man, admitted criminal damage at her home in Flintshire and harassment. He denied assaulting his former partner but was convicted after trial.

Pottinger, who had been living in a tent but who is now living with his mother in Highfields, Chirk, was ordered to pay £500 compensation for the damage that he had caused. Flintshire Magistrates Court in Mold heard Pottinger had been extremely controlling and he had sent the complainant a large number of text messages.

The couple had been in a 13-year relationship.

When it ended it was alleged that he would not accept it.

The assault happened when the defendant grabbed her and pushed her to the ground.

She injured both knees and had an injury to her ear.

The damage occurred in April when she returned home with her two children.

Andy Holliday, defending, said Pottinger took the breakdown of the relationship extremely badly and tried on numerous occasions to get it back on track.

## VW fan Lyndon gets carried away



Lyndon Williams from Oswestry attended the Volkswagen celebration

OSWESTRY Volkswagen enthusiast Lyndon Williams had an unusual weight on his shoulders when he enjoyed a celebration at the weekend.

He was one of many who turned out for a celebration of the much-loved Volkswagen at a Severn Valley farm site on the outskirts of Shropshire, near Alveley.

VDubs in the Valley featured all things Volkswagen, including examples of the car maker's famous Beetle and camper van.

There was a host of entertainment on offer at the show, off the A442 near Arley, over the weekend including live music, skills workshops and ferret racing. The event drew VW fans from across the country, with many camping for the weekend.

Yam Yam Elvis was the star attraction on Friday night, with The Black Country's answer to The King belting out some of his famous hits, while there was also a 'Christmas party' where visitors were encouraged to donate a gift to be given to underprivileged children during the festive season.

And of course, no VW event would be complete without a selection of the company's vehicles, with dozens of old cars spread across the site.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Debate opens on post office plan

A VILLAGE that has been without a Post Office since March could be handed a lifeline.

Services were temporarily stopped in Llansilin near Oswestry back in March following the retirement of the postmaster. The Post Office is now proposing to introduce a "hosted outreach service" at the former premises at Capel Wesle.

The service would be operated by the postmaster from Trefonen Post Office, who would visit the community every Thursday between 9.30am and 11.30am.

A wide range of services will be available.

The Post Office is now inviting customers and interested parties to give their comments on the move in a six-week public consultation.

### College looking to find governor

OSWESTRY'S North Shropshire College is currently seeking volunteers for a position on its board of governors.

The college says it prides itself on having a diverse range of board members with a wide variety of different skills and experience from many professional fields to help with the development of the college for the benefit of current and future students alike.

Candidates would be required to attend a total of six to eight board meetings over the course of the year, and these would generally take place during the evenings from 5.30pm, lasting two to three hours.

To apply for the position, contact Carol Thompson, governance advisor at carol.thompson@nsc.ac.uk or call 07944 297 877.

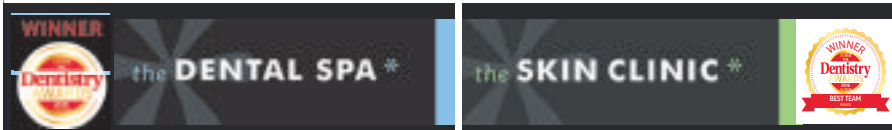
The closing date for this vacancy is Friday next week and interviews will be held after this date.

## More reasons to smile!...



f Dental Spa and Skin Clinic

@the\_dentalspa



**1/2 PRICE Implant Consultation with Roy Dixon - Clinical Director**

**Consultation only £30** (Valid until end October 2017)

- Children's Dentistry • General Family and Cosmetic Dentistry
- Implants Including Same Day Teeth
- Orthodontics • Teeth Whitening • Oral Surgery

**Please Visit Our Website For Latest Offers...**

8 DARWIN COURT, OXON BUSINESS PARK, SHREWSBURY  
01743 34 34 33

www.the-skinclinic.co.uk www.the-dentalspa.co.uk

**A FAMILY BUSINESS SINCE 1947**

**STANS superstore**  
St Martins & Llangollen



## FANTASTIC FUEL OFFERS

**Spend £70 or more in store and SAVE 12p per litre**

**Or spend just £40 or more in store and SAVE 7p per litre**

\* Fuel offer ends 24th September 2017 See in store for full details. T&C app

**St Martins & Llangollen**  
**01691 772348**  
**www.stans.biz**





**NEWS IN BRIEF****Story of Petra city to be told**

PEOPLE can learn more about the city of Petra at an art society's next meeting.

Michael Clegg will be speaking about Petra in Jordan. It got its Red Rose city nickname because it contains tombs and temples carved into pink sandstone cliffs. Its most famous structure is the 45m-high Al Khazneh temple. The meeting takes place in the Powis Suite at the Royal Oak Hotel in Welshpool starting at 2.30pm on Thursday next week. Non-members are welcome to attend and a £5 donation towards the cost would be appreciated.

For further details email [avril@avrilhart.com](mailto:avril@avrilhart.com).

**Statue plan for bypass mooted**

STATUES of famous figures should be built on roundabouts along the route of a new bypass, according to a businessman.

Peter Webber, the owner of Newtown-based Cellpath wants to see statues of Welsh social reformer Robert Owen and fashion designer Laura Ashley placed on roundabouts on the route, to make the construction unique to Newtown.

Mr Webber, whose company supplies products for histopathology and cytology, said discussions on the plans are at an early stage but he is hoping the plans come to fruition.

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies backed the plans and said he would like to see the prominent local figures celebrated.

He said: "Peter is full of good ideas and this is one of them."

# Rat-infested store is hit with £40,000 fine

Report by Aimee Jones

**A CONVENIENCE store which had a severe rat infestation has been fined £40,000 for hygiene offences.**

First Stop Limited in Broad Street, Welshpool, appeared at Llandrindod Wells Magistrates Court in a prosecution led by Powys County Council's environmental health team.

First Stop pleaded guilty to 10 hygiene offences and asked for three more to be taken into consideration.

The court heard how an environmental health officer from the council visited the premises in November 2016 having received a complaint from a customer who said they'd seen rats in the shop area.

The officer found evidence of a severe rat infestation and said there was gnawed food and food packaging on the shelves, which staff had been aware of. Rat droppings were also found throughout the shop and there were points where the rodents had chewed through the walls and floor.

In a further visit to the premises in May 2017, the inspecting officer found that the display refrigerators containing high-risk food items were not operating at the correct temperature.

Six packs of cooked meat were also found being displayed for sale past their use-by date.

Magistrates fined First Stop £40,000 for the 13 offences and ordered the store to pay £3,000 prosecution costs and a mandatory surcharge of £170.



An environmental health officer found gnawed food and food packaging on the shelves

## Vouchers set to be won in recycling competition

SCHOOL pupils in Powys have the chance to win vouchers for their school if they can recycle as many batteries as they can.

Powys County Council is running a free battery recycling competition and is urging schools to sign up to be in with a chance of winning vouchers.

The school which collects the most batteries per pupil could win a share of £500 worth of Amazon vouchers.

The competition is being sponsored by the European Recycling Platform, the council's compliance scheme for waste electrical and electronic equipment and batteries.

Schools who sign up will be provided with a free battery box and will compete over the autumn term to collect as many domestic batteries as possible. This includes the standard AA and AAA nickel cadmium batteries, button cell batteries, power packs from tools and mobile phone and laptop batteries.

Councillor Phyl Davies, the council's cabinet member for waste and recycling, said: "This is a fantastic competition I would urge every school in the county to take part."

"Batteries are made from recyclable metals including lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium and mercury. Each battery collected by a school can be re-melted and used to make new batteries rather than going to landfill where they could cause soil and water pollution."

To get involved, contact the council's waste and recycling team by emailing [waste.awareness@powys.gov.uk](mailto:waste.awareness@powys.gov.uk)

## MEADOW VIEW

### WINDOWS & CONSERVATORIES

*Meadow View Windows has now been trading for over 18 years and offer top quality service with the home improvement market. If you require any further information about the services we offer, please contact a member of staff.*

- MADE TO MEASURE REPLACEMENT WINDOWS
- VARIOUS TYPES OF DOORS
- AVAILABLE IN TIMBER, UPVC AND ALUMINIUM
- CONSERVATORIES/PORCHES/CARPORTS/CANOPIES
- FASCIA AND SOFFIT REPLACEMENT
- BUILDING SERVICES/EXTENSIONS/CONVERSIONS/PATIOS



**A Guardian™ Roof will literally transform your conservatory into a comfortable, practical all year round living space...**

In just a few days we will transform your old conservatory into a beautiful garden room... and here's how we do it, first of all we remove the roof, we will then construct and install the lightweight aluminium frame, next we add the high performance insulated roof before the interior is finished to your specification.

Extra living space can mean a lounge, dining room, study, kitchen, playroom, hideaway, in fact whatever you want it to be. With a Guardian™ Roof in place, you've not just got more options - you've transformed your home!

- Thermally efficient for lower heating bills
- Fully guaranteed
- Choice of exterior finish to match your home
- Extends your ground floor living area



**Is your Conservatory too cold in Winter? Too hot in the Summer?**



GUARDIAN ROOF

Welshpool  
01938 556555

Shrewsbury  
01743 368700

BRONHAUL YARD, BROOK STREET,  
WELSHPOOL, POWYS SY21 7PH

Web: [www.meadowviewwindows.co.uk](http://www.meadowviewwindows.co.uk)



## AELODAU BWRDD GWIRFODDOL

### Angen Arbenigwyr Busnes ac Ariannol

Mae Grŵp Tai Canolbarth Cymru yn darparu dros 1,700 o gartrefi ar rent fforddiadwy ledled Powys a Cheredigion. Mae'n ystyried nifer o brosiectau cyffrous a sylweddol sy'n ehangu ystod y gwasanaethau y mae'n eu cynnig, yn golygu buddsoddiad o ddegau o filiynau o bunnau. Mae'n hanfodol sicrhau y caiff y prosiectau hyn eu gwerthuso'n briodol.

Mae'r Grŵp yn edrych am bobl gydag arbenigedd mewn **Dadansoddiad Busnes ac Ariannol** neu gyda sgiliau busnes preifat a phrofiad masnachol, yn arbennig ar lefel uwch, i ymuno â'i Fwrdd Rheoli. Bydd ymgeiswyr yn dangos sgiliau a phrofiad o werthuso prosiectau mawr, dynodi risgiau cysylltiedig a phrofi straeon. Byddai'r gallu i siarad Cymraeg yn ddymunol.

Os yw hyn yn swnio fel rhywbeth yr hoffech gymryd rhan ynddo - cysylltwch os gwelwch yn dda â Juliet Still ar 01686 620508 i gael sgwrs anffurfiol neu i gael pecyn cais anfonwch e-bost at: [jstill@mid-walesha.co.uk](mailto:jstill@mid-walesha.co.uk).

**Y dyddiad cau ar gyfer derbyn ceisiadau yw 16 Hydref 2017. Cynhelir cyfweiliadau ar 31 Hydref a/neu 2 Tachwedd 2017.**

## VOLUNTARY BOARD MEMBERS

### Business and Financial Experts Required

The Mid-Wales Housing Group provides over 1,700 homes for affordable rent throughout Powys and Ceredigion. It is considering a number of exciting and significant projects that expand the range of services it offers, involving the investment of tens of millions of pounds.

Ensuring the appropriate appraisal of these projects is essential.

The Group is looking for people with expertise in **Business and Financial Analysis** or with private business skills and commercial experience, especially at senior level, to join its Board of Management. Candidates will demonstrate skills in, and have experience of, evaluating large projects, identifying associated risks and stress testing. The ability to speak Welsh would be desirable.

If this sounds like something you'd like to become involved with - please contact Juliet Still on 01686 620508 for an informal chat or for an application pack, please email [jstill@mid-walesha.co.uk](mailto:jstill@mid-walesha.co.uk).

**The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 16th October 2017. Interviews will be held on 31st October and/or 2nd November 2017.**



[www.mid-walesha.co.uk](http://www.mid-walesha.co.uk)  
[www.crpowys.co.uk](http://www.crpowys.co.uk)



# Show is the place to find dream caravan

11  
Oswestry & Border Chronicle Thursday, September 21, 2017

## Commercial feature

Ever dreamed of owning a touring caravan, motorhome caravan, holiday home or VW Campervan conversion to make the most of your holiday and leisure time? An exciting 10-day show in Shrewsbury is designed to make your dream become a reality.

More couples and families than ever have become caravan, motorhome and campervan owners this year as the devalued pound has made foreign holidays much more expensive. British people are opting to staycation and to make better use of their leisure time by investing in a caravan holiday home, touring caravan, motorhome or campervan.

The West Midlands Caravan and Motorhome Show, from September 30 to October 8, is a great place to see the latest innovations for 2018 with the launch of exciting new models.

The popular annual show, which includes family entertainment, will feature about 150 new models at Salop Leisure's sales centre, based alongside Shrewsbury bypass at Emstrey.

The show also sees the UK launch of the iconic American brand Airstream by Swift Group. Salop Leisure is one of six exclusive dealerships appointed by to sell three Airstream models – Colorado, Missouri and Yukon – which have an unmistakable rounded aerodynamic "silver bullet" exterior.

Mark Bebb, Salop Leisure's managing director, said: "We are delighted and proud to be selling Airstream, probably the most iconic brand in the leisure and recreational vehicle industry at our premises in Shrewsbury which adds to our expanding offer."

The show is a free event, which attracts thousands of visitors from across the UK and aims to be a one stop shop for existing owners and first-time buyers. About 70 new caravan holiday homes and luxury lodges will be on display, including models exclusively made for Salop Leisure. Savings of between £500



With so much to see and do, Salop Leisure is anticipating a busy West Midlands Caravan and Motorhome Show



Motorhomes and touring caravans are ideal for holidays inland or at the coast

and £5,000 on selected 2017 models will be available during the show.

More than 30 new touring caravan and motorhome models from Swift Group will also be unveiled and exclusive show deals will be available. For those wishing to buy a new touring caravan or motorhome, Salop Leisure is offering free delivery during the show.

A good choice of pre-owned touring caravans will also be available and there will also be a 10 per cent saving on selected awnings costing

£500 and above.

VW T6 and T5 Campervan conversions by Autohaus, which have proved extremely popular since arriving at Salop Leisure, are certain to attract keen interest from enthusiasts who are prepared to travel long distances to buy their dream model. In all, there will be more than 250 new and pre-owned lodges, caravan holiday homes, touring caravans, motorhomes and VW T6 and T5 Campervan conversions to choose from and an extended accessory

superstore with price reductions on many lines.

A team of experts will be on hand to guide first time buyers through the complete caravan ownership process and flexible finance packages are available. This service extends to helping buyers find the ideal park location for their caravan holiday home in the Heart of England, inland Mid Wales or the Mid Wales coast. Buyers can also visit the park finding zone, where a choice of more than 200 quality parks will be available.

Family entertainment, a climbing wall, falconry displays and face painting will be available during weekends of the show and Love Coffee café/restaurant will be serving up delicious snacks, meals and drinks.

Staff at specialist plants centre Love Plants will also have a wide selection of plants and advice to offer.

Admission to the show and parking are free and tickets are available to download at [www.caravanevent.co.uk](http://www.caravanevent.co.uk)

# THE UK'S LARGEST FREE CARAVAN EXHIBITION

For full details and to register for free entry visit:

[www.caravanevent.co.uk](http://www.caravanevent.co.uk)  
or call: 0844 2473526

Salop Leisure Ltd | Emstrey | Shrewsbury | Shropshire | SY5 6QS

West Midlands  
**CARAVAN &  
MOTORHOME  
SHOW**

Saturday 30th Sept -  
Sunday 8th Oct 2017

**30TH SEPT-  
8TH OCT  
2017**

**FREE  
FAMILY  
ENTERTAINMENT**

**FREE  
ENTRY!**



**SALOP LEISURE**  
Go Explore!

View the latest 2018 model Touring  
Caravans, Holiday Homes, Motorhomes,  
Luxury Lodges and Camper Vans







**THE STATION GRILL**  
Bar & Restaurant

**NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR**

# Christmas Parties.

**1 Course - £15.95**  
**2 Courses - £19.95**  
**3 Courses - £23.95**



**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!**

The Station Grill, Llansantffraid, Powys SY22 6AD Telephone 01691 828478 • Web [www.thestationgrill.co.uk](http://www.thestationgrill.co.uk)



## THE PALACE

INDIAN RESTAURANT  
Est. 1994



**Fall in love with Indian cuisine - welcoming all curry enthusiasts**

Waterloo House, Llansantffraid SY22 6AR Tel: 01691 828152  
[www.thepalacellansantffraid.co.uk](http://www.thepalacellansantffraid.co.uk)

**BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2017!**

With seasonal menus available throughout December catering for all tastes and budgets, fun Party Night and the very popular, Festive Afternoon Teas, there is something for everyone.

- ★ Festive Afternoon Tea *from* **£11.95**
- ★ Party Night 9th Dec.17 **£29.99**
- ★ Boxing Day Lunch **£25.95**
- ★ New Year's Eve A la Carte Menu *from* **£13.95**
- ★ New Year's Eve Party Night **£12.50** including hot buffet
- ★ Accommodation available *from* **£55** per room per night

*We recommend booking early for our festive events to avoid disappointment*

★ Festive Menu *from* **£11.50**  
★ Christmas Day Lunch **£49.99**  
★ Gift Vouchers available

  
EAT | DRINK | STAY  
Church Street - Chirk - LL14 5EY  
**01691 773472**  
[info@thehandhotelchirk.co.uk](http://info@thehandhotelchirk.co.uk)  
[www.thehandhotelchirk.co.uk](http://www.thehandhotelchirk.co.uk)



## THE LIME KILN

*The Golden Years for people with smaller appetites*

**1 course £5.00 2 course £7.00 3 courses £9.00**  
Gluten Free Menu Now Available

*Christmas bookings taken 5th - 22nd Dec 2017*

Porih-y-waen,  
Oswestry SY10 8LX  
Tel: 01691 839599

**NOW OPEN FOR MEALS:**  
Monday 5pm-9pm, Tuesday-Saturday 12pm-3pm; 5pm-9pm  
Sunday Traditional Roast served from 12pm-8pm



Choosing the right drink for a meal is as important as choosing the right food

# Cheers to great food

With the days getting shorter and autumn now here, now is the time many people are thinking about how to celebrate the festive season.

There are very things more enjoyable than a lovely meal out over the autumn and winter months and we are spoiled for choice in the Oswestry and Welshpool area which has a wide variety of excellent restaurants and

## Commercial feature

hotels to choose from. Choosing the right drink is as important as choosing the right meal when you are our wining and dining.

Why not try Gable & Grace Shiraz Mouvedre 2016 and Gable & Grace Chenin Pinot Grigio 2016?

The Chenin Pinot is crisp and fruity, the shiraz has warmth and depth.

Or try Barton & Guestier Passeport 2016, Cotes de Provence Magnum, France.

A real peach with floral aromatics reminiscent of orange groves, it's fresh and fruity with summer berry flavours and bright citrus and herbal notes which make it the perfect rose.

*Celebrate Christmas at*  
**SIMLA**

Serving Tandoori and Balti food in Oswestry since 1976

The perfect blend of traditional Indian cooking served with Shropshire hospitality

Contact us to book a table:  
**T: 01691 659880 / 653818**  
**E: dine@simla-oswestry.co.uk**

**Simla Tandoori Restaurant,**  
44 Beatrice Street,  
Oswestry SY11 1QG

**OPENING TIMES**  
Sunday to Thursday - 5:30 to 11pm  
Friday to Saturday - 5:30 til midnight



**4 Course Dinner Party £25.50 pp**  
**Christmas Buffet Party £18.50 pp**

## CHRISTMAS PARTY PACKAGES

**BOOK NOW! 01691 652521**

Cambrian Works • Oswestry SY11 1HS • 01691 652521



**The Narrowboat Inn**

Ellesmere Road, Whittington, SY11 4DJ  
01691 661051

**SUNDAY LUNCH OFFER**  
Main Course & Sweet for  
**£9.45!**



**The Bradford Arms**  
Restaurant, Hotel & Pub

**Christmas Menu's Now Available**  
**Christmas Fayre** £19.95 per person  
**Christmas Day 4 Course Lunch** £47.95 per person/Children under 12-OAPS £32.95  
PLEASE CALL TO BOOK OR FOR FURTHER DETAILS  
Food Available Monday-Sunday  
11.30 am-2 pm/5.30 pm-9.00 pm  
[www.thebradfordarmshotel.com](http://www.thebradfordarmshotel.com)

**The Bradford Arms Hotel,**  
Llanymynech, SY22 6EJ  
Tel: 01691 830582 email: [catelou@tesco.net](mailto:catelou@tesco.net)



# Excellent start to school year at Moreton



Students at Moreton Hall School have achieved outstanding exam results

## Moreton Hall is celebrating an excellent start to the new school year.

Moreton Hall has been named as one of the Telegraph's "Top Movers" following outstanding A-level and GCSE results.

This impressive accolade follows another vintage year of A-level results for Moreton Hall and certainly sets the tone for the year to come! As one of the country's leading independent

## Commercial feature

schools, Moreton Hall has risen over 100 places to be positioned in the top 100 schools for 2017 A-level results.

Some 53 per cent of grades were awarded A\* or A with a third of candidates achieving straight A\* or A grades in all their subjects. Exceptional pastoral care, detailed

knowledge of individual students and unlimited extra support and help are undoubtedly key factors in explaining the school's remarkable success in public examinations.

## Tribute

Principal Jonathan Forster was quick to pay tribute to the quality of teaching and learning which has long been the hallmark of the school.



Moreton Hall will host an open day on Saturday, September 30

He said: "We have exceptional teachers and outstanding students, both of whom are prepared to go the extra mile."

"Our aim is quite simple, to enable students to reach their potential. Whether that is achieving a place at Oxbridge, representing their country at lacrosse or utilising the skills honed in Moreton Enterprises to run their own company. "Our academic results are stellar, but that is

only one aspect of the business of education. "A Moreton education is for life!"

As The Tatler Schools Guide remarks: "If you're looking for girl power, you'll find it at Moreton Hall."

You can find out more about Moreton Hall by attending their open day on September 30 at 10am.

Visit [www.moretonhall.org/Open-Day](http://www.moretonhall.org/Open-Day)



## Moreton Hall

*The experts in girls' education*

# “Every girl in England should have at least a term in this environment”

Good Schools Guide

## Open Day - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Independent Boarding and Day School - Girls 3-18, Boys 3-11

Moreton Hall, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3EW

[www.moretonhall.org/Open-Day](http://www.moretonhall.org/Open-Day) | 01691 773671



# Get your home ready for cooler times

## Commercial feature

With summer having now moved into autumn and winter just around the corner, now is the time to look again at your home's interior decoration.

Moody blues, oversized florals and woodland settings are the new season interiors trends to covet.

While the temperature may be dropping as autumn arrives, there's no need to feel the chill indoors. The season's hottest new decor trends are rich with glowing colour, pattern and detail.

At this time of year deep moody blue shades and a focus on texture and luxury come together well.

Clotilde Passalacqua, interior design leader, Ikea, said: "Instead of featuring bright and playful colours, this trend pairs rich, dark tones – such as navy and emerald green – with accents of brass and gold, to create an exotic and luxurious look with a touch of opulence."

"Accessorising with succulents and tropical plants is key, as is artwork and patterns that take their cue from nature, and in particular, feature foliage."

Many major home brands have embraced this autumnal luxury look, including Marks & Spencer with its Manhattan collection.

It has a rich palette of inky matte black and brass accents, and is inspired by the opulence of New York's luxury hotels, with details including soft velvets and green marble, mixed with bold monochrome furniture.

Our love affair with nature and the great outdoors continues, and one of the easiest ways to refresh an interior is to take inspiration from the countryside and with the latest Woodland Walk theme.

"Woodland Walk captures the tones and textures of an autumnal country walk, creating a cosy living space with warm aubergine and mulberry colours, used across chunky knits and patterned textiles," says Andrew Tanner,



Many major home brands have embraced the autumnal luxury look to provide comfort and elegance

design manager for home and seasonal, Sainsbury's Home.

"These shades pop against mustard and duck egg blue tones, seen on ceramics and home accessories, complementing this classic

look. There are figures in a rich, brass metallic finish, and we have a fragrance of Applewood and Clove – a woody, spicy scent – all finishing touches for an interior which is cosy, nurturing and perfect for winter."



Autumn trends pair rich, dark tones to create an exotic and luxurious look

Another current theme is Moody Blooms. A berry-hued palette of blueberry, cherry, deep plum and purple, paired with designs featuring lush blooms, is a chic, seasonal way to interpret the fashionably botanical trend. "This season

our collections draw inspiration from the humble tulip bulb that became more precious than gold and five times more expensive than a house," explained Tricia Guild from Designers Guild.

## Cambrian Fireplaces and Appliances



Come and see our wide range of gas and electric fires with over 30 suites and surrounds on display

**BOSCH**  
**ZANUSSI**  
**BEKO**  
MULTIFUEL & WOOD BURNING STOVES

**NO CHIMNEY?**  
**NO PROBLEM!**  
Free local survey for gas fire and boiler servicing & landlord certificates



Gas & Electric Cookers  
from **£199**

Washing Machines  
from **£219**



**burley**  
**BROSELEY**

**Tel: 01691 655936** **www.cambrianfires.co.uk**

All major credit cards accepted



Central Hall Coney Green Oswestry Shropshire SY11 2JL Open Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9am-5pm. Closed Thursday. Saturday 9am-3pm.



# Cosy and stylish warms the heart

## Commercial feature

We all love a cosy and stylish home, especially as we move into autumn and on towards winter.

Getting you home ready for the colder months need not be a huge headache.

For example wooden floors are a wonderful addition to any home, whatever its style or period, and are a practical alternative to carpet, especially in hallways and reception rooms. If your home has original floorboards, sanding and varnishing or staining them should add value and create a lovely, hardwearing feature.

Radiators are, of course, very practical, but they also have a decorative function that's often overlooked. Modern column radiators work well in most interiors because they're a contemporary take on a classic design. Almost everyone loves a real fire, but open fires are generally only around 15 per cent to 30 per cent efficient, as most of the heat goes up the chimney. Wood-burning stoves are a better investment, as they're much more efficient and have other advantages, such as keeping smoke and sparks contained. Wood burners come in many different styles, from traditional to contemporary, and are a great addition to your home's central heating when it's really cold.

Great looking oak furniture also adds style to your home.

With the philosophy that life is too short to spend time traipsing round a retail park firmly in place, The Oak Furniture Shops on Bailey Street in Oswestry and 2 High Street in Welshpool – opposite the Town Hall – offer an extensive range of furniture for living, dining and bedroom. From oak TV units to a comprehensive range of tables and furniture on display, these are the perfect shops to pop in and have a look round when looking to either replace tired pieces of furniture, create new storage or just to cheer up a room with a new lamp or a statement piece.



Stylish flooring not only adds a modern look to your home but can also add extra comfort

There is also a carefully chosen range of upholstery for the home with some lovely tub chairs and comfy armchairs that are just perfect for those long winter evenings by the fire, and luxurious corner and three piece suites in a

range of fabrics. A fabulous choice of beds in solid oak, a selection of Ottoman and metal beds, as well as divan bases in a choice of fabrics and a wide selection of mattresses will certainly add a touch of luxury and comfort to

any bedroom. Quality Egyptian cotton and soft and cuddly brushed cotton range of bedding that comes in all sizes and colours from single to super king and will make those long winter nights cosier.



Everyone loves to have a cosy home, especially as the temperatures drop

With a good selection of dining, living and bedroom furniture already in stock, delivery is quick and a furniture disposal service is offered, with good quality used items going straight to charity for up-cycling.

## DC Lighting

Oswestry's leading lighting stockist

Call in to see our extensive range NOW!



Large range of outdoor lighting on show!

Wide range of reading lamps, Floor Standing & Table lights

01691 662681 Open 9.30am-5.00pm  
Tuesday to Saturday Closed Mondays  
54 Upper Church Street, Oswestry, SY11 2AE

## Charnwood C-Four Wood Burning Stove

From £698 inc VAT



30 YEARS Saxon

• Stoves • Fireplaces • Range Cookers • Gas & Electric Fires

Real fire heating from **saxon** 01691 772153 FREE DELIVERY

www.saxonhomecare.co.uk

Gledrid, Near Oswestry LL14 5DG

\* 6000 sq ft showroom \* 30 mins from Shrewsbury & Chester \* Open 7 days a week

## Redkite Glass Ltd



- uPVC cladding always in stock
- Single glass & mirrors
- Drilling & polishing

uPVC Windows and double glazed units - made to measure

Trade Counter Penstrowed Enterprise Park, Penstrowed Caersws, Powys

Tel: 01686 625053 Fax: 01686 623229  
www.redkite-glass.co.uk

**The Oak Furniture Shop**

**BEDS - MATTRESSES - HEADBOARDS**

from Divans to Solid Oak in all sizes from Single to Superking

Quality Egyptian cotton bedding and mattress protectors in all sizes in stock

Good Selection of mattresses to choose from with help and advice from our knowledgeable team

Mattresses from Super Soft to Super Firm - all UK manufactured.

QUICK DELIVERY - DISPOSAL SERVICE AVAILABLE

27 BAILEY ST, OSWESTRY  
Tel 01691 239082  
Open Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm

2 HIGH ST, WELSHPOOL  
Tel 01938 228798  
Open Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 4.30pm

**Powys Carpets Ltd**

Vinyl Remnants available in a range of different sizes. From £15.00 each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**

Carpets Fitted from **£7.99** per sq yard

17 Berriew Street, Welshpool Est 1970 Visit our website [www.powyscarpets.co.uk](http://www.powyscarpets.co.uk)

**WELSHPOOL (01938) 553345 EMAIL [rob@powyscarpets.co.uk](mailto:rob@powyscarpets.co.uk)**

No VAT on fitted Carpets & Vinyl

**RUGS FROM £5 each**  
**Remnants from £10 each**

- Large Selection of Roll Stock Carpets Held
- Consultancy Measuring and Fitting Service
- Fittings using our full time employed fitters

**nict**

You call - we deliver to your local area

**BJ's GAS & HARDWARE**

**BOTTLED GAS SERVICES**

Suppliers of Calor, Budget Gas in your area since 1998

**Your One Stop Shop for Gas**

OPENING HOURS:  
Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm  
Saturday 9am - 1pm

Tel: 01691 773651 or 07803 957598  
St. Martins Business Park, Ellesmere Road, St. Martins, Oswestry SY11 3BE [www.bjsgas.co.uk](http://www.bjsgas.co.uk)

**To Advertise in our next Homes Feature Contact Connor Harris on 01691 668090**



## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Spiritual group set to meet again

OSWESTRY Spiritual Centre has its next meeting this evening (Thursday).

The group will meet in the Cambrin Room, Memorial Hall, Oswestry from 7.30pm to 9pm with doors opening at 7pm and the cost is £3.50.

Val Laundry from the group said: "We welcome back well known medium Carl Barlow who is our guest medium for our demonstration night."

"Carl will link with this world and the spirit world and bring proof that life continues but only in another dimension by giving messages from loved ones, friends and information. We offer free taster spiritual/reiki healing sessions after the demonstration. Everyone is made welcome. Come along, bring a friend, ask your questions or are you just plain curious? You won't know until you come and see for yourself."

## £25,000 pledge for heritage bid

A BID by Oswestry to be named a Heritage Action Zone has been given a £25,000 boost.

Oswestry Town Council is backing a bid to Historic England for the town to be named as one of the UK's heritage zones.

If successful, the zone could lever in further money to help improve town centre buildings.

The council voted on Wednesday last week to give the money over three years if the bid is successful. Over that time, the aim would be to help the regeneration of the town centre as Oswestry looks to expand with houses and a business park on the horizon, Mayor Vince Hunt said.

## First turf is cut as work on school's £1m sports hall starts

**A SCHOOL is investing £1 million in a new sports hall development.**

The first turf for the building at Oswestry School, which is celebrating its 610th year, was cut recently.

It is being built on the site of the current tennis courts and will provide two indoor netball and tennis courts, with provision for six cricket lanes and a full size basketball court.

A climbing wall will be built on the outside of the hall supplied by specialist construction company SMC2.

Headmaster Julian Noad, who took over at the helm in 2014, said timber from a sustainable source, rather than steel, was being used for the structure to complement the school's 'green' ethos.

He said: "To add to its eco-credentials the structure will be translucent thus reducing the need for lights during daylight hours. However, when lights are needed they will be powered by a state-of-the-art LED lighting system to reduce the amount of power required."

In the last three years there have been many changes at the school.

Mr Noad said: "The science department has been extended and renovated and converted into a suite of six modern science laboratories."

"A new junior art room was created to bring together the art and technology faculty under one creative roof, boarding accommodation has been updated."

"A new computing room, staff room and three administrative offices have



Headmaster Julian Noad cuts the first sod with Neil and Keith Morris from J M Contractors overseen by David Jones, Oswestry School estates manager and Phil Bowd, bursar

also been created. The dining hall extension has just been completed allowing for greater seating capacity and a more spacious and more relaxed dining experience.

"It will also allow for functions and outside dining, all with wonderful

views across the Shropshire plains. The new sports hall will support our drive to improve the quality of our sports provision, notably for the girls.

"Our pupils will be able to train and compete in all weathers and for a greater part of each day."

"We have a good number of elite sportswomen and men, many enjoying scholarship programmes which will be much enhanced by this indoor facility."

"The bright and vibrant indoor space will help make sport more attractive to pupils."

## Wide support for village school's bid for academy

PLANS for a village primary school to join an academy trust have been welcomed by staff and parents.

A meeting has been held for people to have their say over plans for Tilstock Primary School to join the Marches Academy Trust, which runs the Marches School in Oswestry.

The trust has been chosen as the preferred sponsor for the school, which is based near Whitchurch.

The school, currently under the control of an interim executive board and acting headteacher, Nicola Brayford, has had its sponsored academy conversion application approved and is currently in a consultation period.

The Department of Education approached The Marches Multi-Academy Trust about the agreement earlier this year. A consultation event took place in the school hall on Monday evening last week.

Sarah Longville, executive headteacher of The Marches Academy Trust, said: "We have received overwhelming support from staff, parents and the wider community in our proposals for the Marches Academy Trust to become the preferred sponsor for Tilstock Primary School."

"We are committed and determined to continue to build on the good work of Nicola Brayford and the progress that Tilstock School has made so far, working collaboratively with Nicola and her team, stakeholders and local schools."

Those who missed the meeting on Monday last week can fill out a consultation survey online at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Tilstock](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Tilstock).

Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Your weekly newspaper in association with

Just go!

Quote: JGRT

<p><b>EASTBOURNE &amp; BRIGHTON</b></p> <p>Mon 26 Feb to Fri 2 Mar</p> <p><b>Your break includes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 4 nights DBB at the East Beach Hotel, Eastbourne</li> <li>✓ Entertainment some nights</li> <li>✓ Excursion to <b>Brighton</b></li> <li>✓ Optional excursions to Hastings &amp; Battle (£7pp) and Lewes &amp; Alfriston (£7pp)</li> <li>✓ Return coach travel from Oswestry</li> </ul> <p>Buy both optional excursions for the discounted price of £12pp</p> <p><b>5 Day Break only £134</b></p> <p><b>SUPERVALUE</b></p> <p>08432 244 217</p> <p><a href="http://justgoholidays.com/RT">justgoholidays.com/RT</a></p>	<p><b>NEWQUAY &amp; THE CREAM OF CORNWALL</b></p> <p>Mon 15 to Fri 19 Jan</p> <p><b>Your break includes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 4 nights DBB at the Pentire Hotel, Newquay</li> <li>✓ Entertainment on some nights</li> <li>✓ Excursions to <b>Padstow, Charlestown &amp; Falmouth</b></li> <li>✓ Optional excursion to Land's End &amp; St Ives (£9pp)</li> <li>✓ Return coach travel from Oswestry &amp; Welshpool</li> </ul> <p><b>5 Day Break only £129</b></p> <p><b>SUPERVALUE</b></p> <p>justgohols</p> <p>@justgoholidays</p>	<p><b>OXFORD &amp; STRATFORD WEEKEND</b></p> <p>Fri 16 to Mon 19 Feb</p> <p><b>Your break includes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 3 nights DBB at the Coventry Hill Hotel, Allesley</li> <li>✓ 99p bar on selected drinks (6pm-9pm)</li> <li>✓ Excursions to <b>Oxford &amp; Stratford-upon-Avon</b></li> <li>✓ Return coach travel from Oswestry</li> </ul> <p><b>4 Day Break only £114</b></p> <p><b>SUPERVALUE</b></p> <p>Calls to 08 numbers will cost 7 pence per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Calls from mobiles may vary. Single supplements and terms apply</p>
---	--	--

## Canalside event is a real cracker

Report by Sue Austin

**VISITORS to a canalside festival stepped back in time with horse power, ancient crafts and vintage musical instruments among the stars of the show.**

The Maesbury Canal Fayre was held in the grounds of Canal Centre alongside the Montgomery Canal south of Oswestry.

As well as promoting the canal the weekend raised funds for the Friends of Montgomery Canal Trust.

There was a nostalgic note to the weekend.

Music was provided by the Shropshire Boatmen and also from the Hurdy Gurdy man who raises money for charity taking his old time musical instrument to shows across the country. Children and adults alike were fascinated by the instrument, that works by running special hole punched cards through it.

The Shropshire Boatmen are a shanty crew who sing to keep alive the connection between Britain's inland waterways and the international seafaring trade.

The group also supports the Shropshire based Saturn Flyboat a horse drawn boat that was also at the canal fayre along with its popular heavy horse, Cracker. The last surviving wooden Shropshire Union "Fly-boat", built in Chester in 1906, Saturn's job was to rush cheese and produce, fresh from the farms of Cheshire and Shropshire, to the markets of the industrial towns and cities, running 24 hours, day and night.



Horse drawn trips were on offer at the event. Photo by Sabine Hutchinson.





Deputy headteacher Llyr Thomas, assistant headteacher Ann Roberts, headteacher Dewi Owen and assistant headteacher Huw Lloyd-Jones are looking forward to more academic success

## Double celebration for school

Llanfyllin High School has a double celebration at the start of this new academic year as they welcome a new management team and celebrate excellent examination results.

Staff and students at Llanfyllin have welcomed their new Headteacher and celebrated their much-improved GCSE examination results. Dewi Owen, Headteacher, said: "This new Autumn Term 2017 heralds new beginnings and a feeling of great optimism within the school."

"This year's results see a huge 17.5% increase in the number of students achieving the level 2 plus performance

indicator (5 A\* - C grade GCSEs including English /Welsh & Maths). This is an excellent start to our extensive improvement programme and an immensely positive progression for the Llanfyllin High School Family and our local community."

"This new term sees us focussing sharply on teaching and learning at all levels. Our staff are working hard to develop new and innovative learning opportunities for all our students. Our strong Governing Body continue to bring a wealth of experience, expertise and leadership skills to the table; ensuring the continued success of

Llanfyllin. I am looking forward to working closely with them."

"At the start of our new academic year we have enjoyed welcoming our new Year 7's who are settling fantastically into secondary school life."

"Our new intake Open Evening will be taking place on Thursday October 12 at 6.30pm where you are invited to come and find out more about life at Llanfyllin."

"Our 6th form Open Evening will follow on November 9 also at 6.30pm. I look forward to meeting you and seeing you at the many events taking place throughout the year."

## Masterclass and talk from renowned equestrian artist

Renowned equestrian artist Mary Herbert will hold a masterclass and public talk as part of a week-long art exhibition by Shrewsbury High School.

From September 28 to October 5, an exhibition of artwork from some of Shrewsbury High School's talented artists, past and present, as well as work produced by pupils across Shropshire in special art masterclasses, will take place in the exhibition hall at Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery.

The exhibition is free to the public and not only features GCSE, A-level and alumnae artwork, but will also exhibit work produced at workshops and masterclasses throughout the week from pupils from schools across the county.

### Scholars

Mark Warner, head of art at Shrewsbury High School, will host a scholars' masterclass for high school art scholars and their work will then be entered into the main exhibition.

Renowned equine artist Mary Herbert from the Society of Equestrian Artists will run a bespoke art workshop on September 30, free of charge, for GCSE art students from across Shropshire.

Work produced at this workshop will then be on display in the exhibition hall until October 5.

Mary, who specialises in pastel



Rein of Silk by Mary Herbert, who be at Shrewsbury High School's art exhibition

paintings of animals, will follow this masterclass with a talk and showcase of her equestrian art.

### Opportunity

Running from 2pm to 2.45pm, the talk is free to the public and is a wonderful opportunity to hear about Mary's career as a professional artist, working on portrait commissions and exhibiting

around the UK and to see some of her beautiful paintings.

Stay and enjoy Mary's exhibition until 6pm.

For more details about the GCSE masterclass by Mary Herbert (September 30, 10am to 1pm) and to book tickets (free of charge) for Mary Herbert's talk (September 30, 2pm to 2.45pm) email e.brick@shr.gdst.net

## Noson Agored Open Evening

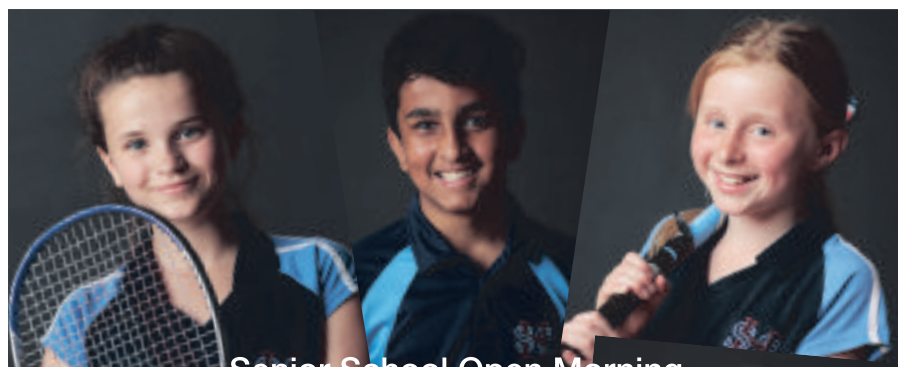
I ddisgyblion sy'n bwriadu ymuno a Blwyddyn 7 ym Medi 2018  
For pupils looking to join us in Year 7 from September 2018



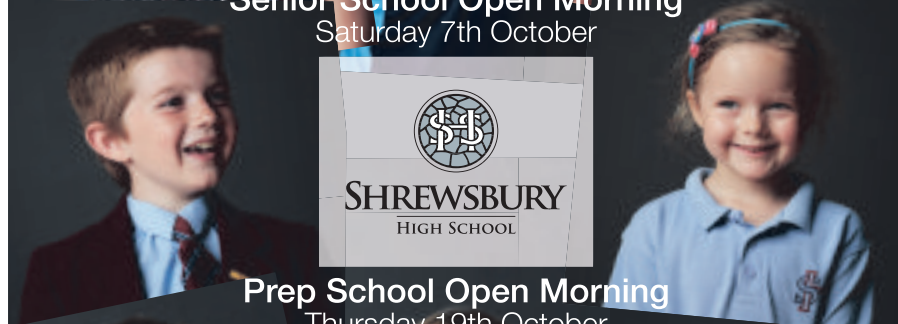
**Nos Iau / Thursday**  
**Hydref 12<sup>fed</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**18:30 - 20:30**

Ysgol Uwchradd **Llanfyllin** High School  
Llanfyllin, Powys, SY22 5BJ

☎ 01691 648391 - ✉ office@llanfyllin-hs.powys.sch.uk  
www.llanfyllin-hs.powys.sch.uk



**Senior School Open Morning**  
Saturday 7th October



**Prep School Open Morning**  
Thursday 19th October



Contact us for more information:

01743 494038 | admissions@shr.gdst.net | www.shrewsburyhigh.gdst.net

Independent Day School - Girls aged 3-18 | Boys aged 3-13



## Special Report

### Sepsis patient treatment 'not quick enough'

THE trust which controls Shropshire's two main hospitals failed to give sepsis patients antibiotics quick enough, figures show.

They show 28 per cent of patients that needed antibiotics for sepsis were not getting them within an hour. However, health bosses have said the figures relate to a period up to March this year and great improvements have been made regarding sepsis in the past six months.

Sepsis is a rare but serious complication of an infection. Without prompt treatment, it can lead to multiple organ failure and death.

Dr Edwina Borman, medical director at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH), said: "At SaTH, we have been working to improve care for patients who suffer sepsis by using techniques learned from the Virginia Mason Institute (VMI) in Seattle.

"Many NHS organisations have challenges managing sepsis, but we identified that it was important to address them within our trust.

"We have made changes to all elements of the sepsis pathway, including reducing the time taken to deliver the sepsis bundle from five hours to under 30 minutes."

### NHS written complaints rise

THE number of written complaints about the NHS in the region has risen.

Nationally there were 208,400 written complaints received by the NHS during last year – up 4.9 per cent on the previous year, NHS Digital figures show.

The newly released figures mean on average 571 written complaints were made every day.

The West Midlands had 14,400 complaints compared with 13,000 the previous year – an 11.1 per cent increase according to the figures.

The report, entitled Data on Written Complaints in the NHS, 2016/17, shows numbers of complaints about both primary and secondary care.

It shows a 9.7 per cent increase in written complaints to GP and dental practices compared with the previous year.

In 2016/17, there were 90,600 primary care complaints, up from 82,600 in 2015/16.

Of the total number of primary care complaints, 83.2 per cent related to GP surgeries, while 14.6 per cent related to dental practices.

### Views sought on pharmacies

HEALTH bosses are seeking views about community pharmacy services.

Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group is asking residents for their thoughts on opening hours and the location of local pharmacies.

Once completed, the feedback will be collated and used to inform any changes that may need to be made.

Jacqui Seaton, head of medicines management for Telford and Wrekin CCG, encourages people to participate in the study.

She said: "The survey is a great way for local people to tell us more about their community pharmacy services, how convenient the services are, and if they are available when residents need them.

"We hope this engagement process will benefit patients and encourage local residents to take advantage of what their pharmacy has to offer."

### More beds to relieve pressure on hospital

DOZENS of extra beds will be created at a hospital to relieve surging pressure on A&E thanks to a £2m investment.

Twelve wards are to be expanded at Royal Stoke University Hospital in Staffordshire which will make room for 45 extra beds.

# Ambulance response times hit targets in many areas – but miss out for most serious cases

Report by James Pugh

new set of performance targets for the ambulance service which will apply to all 999 calls for the first time later this year. The bar will be set at 90 per cent of calls to be reached in the target times rather than 75 per cent under the old system.

Figures for July show in Shropshire the average ambulance response times for calls from people with life-threatening illnesses or injuries was 19 minutes and 56 seconds, compared with 11 minutes and 47 seconds in the West Midlands and a national target of 15 minutes.

They show the average ambulance response

times for emergency calls in Shropshire was 32 minutes and 14 seconds, compared with 19 minutes and 21 seconds in the West Midlands and a target of 40 minutes nationally.

Average ambulance response times for urgent calls in the county was 46 minutes and 17 seconds, compared with 44 minutes and 57 seconds regionally and a national target of two hours. Response times for less urgent calls on average was 66 minutes and 27 seconds, compared with 95 minutes and 53 seconds regionally and a national target of three hours.

Andrea Harper, from Shropshire CCG, said: "This new framework comes into force in October, but we are already shadow monitoring the data against this new framework. The new

metric framework is more challenging as the target has increased from 75 per cent to 90 per cent and it covers all patients, not just those in immediate need.

"Under the new metric, there are now four categories and, for three out of the four categories, we are better than the national proposed standards."

Mark Docherty, director of nursing, quality and clinical commissioning at West Midlands Ambulance Service, said: "In Shropshire the outcomes for patients are extremely good. Most calls have an ambulance sent to them rather than a car or a bike and almost every ambulance in Shropshire has a paramedic on board.

# Crisis meeting in the capital over poor A&E performance

Report by Amy Downward

**HEALTH bosses have met NHS managers about concerns that the county's A&E performance is among the worst in the country.**

Representatives from Shropshire's health groups, including Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, and Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin clinical commissioning groups, attended the meeting with senior NHS officials in London on Monday.

They were summoned amid concern over growing waiting times and staffing problems. Speaking ahead of the meeting, Jenny Fullard, senior communications and engagement manager for Shropshire CCG, said: "Local health and social care partners are working closely together to mitigate the workforce challenges that we know impact on our A&E delivery times. As part of our winter plans we will be commissioning a range of support to help reduce pressure on our hospitals and reduce delays for patients waiting to be discharged. Our priority is always to ensure our patients receive a quality and safe service.

"We continue to work towards finding a long-term solution to our A&E performance, through redesigning our emergency care services locally. The pressures on our A&E services at the moment highlight that no change is not an option, and we are keen to hear local people's views on ways we can deliver better emergency care."

Debbie Kadum, chief operating officer at SaTH, admitted the trust is facing difficulties but said staff are focussed on providing the best care possible.

She said: "It is no secret that our emergency departments are under pressure. In addition to increasing patient numbers, this is due mainly to an insufficient number of consultants and middle grade doctors in our emergency departments. It is for this very reason that we are looking at how we deliver emergency services in the county, through the NHS Future Fit process, to ensure we can provide the best care possible."

A Department of Health spokesman said: "Preparing for winter is a top priority for the Health Secretary. He met a number of NHS leaders to emphasise the importance of continuing to provide high standards of care throughout the winter period."

# Future Fit: Leader does not support preferred option

THE leader of Telford & Wrekin Council says it will not support the selection of Shrewsbury's hospital as the main base for the county's emergency care.

As part of the Future Fit process to reorganise Shropshire's major hospital services a joint committee has recommended plans to downgrade A&E services at Telford's Princess Royal Hospital in favour of one emergency and trauma department based in Shrewsbury.

Proposals include a new emergency centre and women and children's services at Royal

## Maternity service staff 'not happy' says review



A number of protests have been held around the county, including this one in Ludlow, at the closure of maternity units

STAFF in the county's maternity services are feeling "under pressure", the first stage of a review has revealed.

Dr Jessica Sokolov said that interviews had revealed the staff were "not happy with the situation", as the future of the county's midwife-led units (MLU) is reviewed.

Dr Sokolov was speaking at a meeting of Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group's board, where she said that about 200 members of staff had been interviewed as part of a review into the service.

She said: "A lot of stuff that came out of it was not entirely positive. They are feeling

pressured and are not happy with the situation as it stands."

SaTH took a decision to close MLUs in Bridgnorth, Ludlow, and Oswestry for six months from July 1, which sparked protests in the county.

All three units had faced closures at short notice due to staff being moved to cover shifts at Princess Royal Hospital's consultant-led maternity unit to ensure it was safely staffed.

The future of the units is now subject to a review being conducted by Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Dr Sokolov said the review was looking at the financial and clinical sustainability of the service. She said: "There is unlikely to be any reconfiguration of the service that means maternity services are truly sustainable."

She added that staff were being moved to the consultant-led unit because it deals with more women giving birth. She said: "We cannot do that and keep the system as it is."

Speaking ahead of the decision to close the units for six months Deirdre Fowler, director of nursing, midwifery and quality at SaTH, said the consultant-led unit sees about 85 per cent of births in the county.

The notice says: "The council is disappointed by the decision of the clinical commissioning groups to select a preferred option – of the emergency centre and women and children's centre at Shrewsbury to go out to consultation.

"This would see a downgrading of our A&E department at the PRH to an urgent care centre. It would also move the current consultant-led in-patient services available at our 'state of the art' women & children's centre in Telford to Shrewsbury.

"This council opposes the selection of this as the preferred option as it makes no sense to move the women & children's centre. It was built just three years ago, at a cost of £28m precisely because SaTH identified a clinical need for Telford – that clinical need has not changed and will not change in the future."

"The preferred option is also the most costly and could limit further investment in community health services – keeping care closer to home and people out of hospital for as long as possible."



# PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY  
GUIDE TO HOME  
BUYING AND  
LETTING

19 Oswestry & Border Chronicle Thursday, September 21, 2017

## Property is an integral part of life in pretty village

One of the oldest homes in the village of Ruyton XI Towns, the Grade II listed timber framed Smithy House is an integral part of the village itself.

Now on the market for the first time in nearly 40 years, this property, which dates from the 17th century, is now for sale through Balfours at £355,000.

The large village of Ruyton XI Towns has a raft of facilities, including primary and prep schools, a village store, garage and an inn. A selection of private and state secondary schools is also to be found within a 15 mile radius. Oswestry and Shrewsbury are each a comfortable commute of some ten miles.

Set within a quarter of an acre of mature gardens and grounds, Smithy House has three main reception rooms plus a conservatory, kitchen, pantry and ground floor wet room.

Agent, Duncan Scobie of Balfours said: "From the sandstone inglenooks and conservatory base to the wonderful web of timbers, this is a very unique and charming property. It is well laid out with each of the reception rooms of good proportions.

"An ivy covered archway leads to the rear garden, an oasis where lawns are laced by specimen trees and an abundance of shrubs."

Duncan added: "Smithy House has a fascinating history, starting life as a two bay thatched home, then a farmhouse, after which until the mid-1950s it was a blacksmith's home with a workshop – now replaced with a driveway and garage.

"This is an eye-catching historic village house.

"The original roots to Smithy House can be found in the inglenook fireplaces and beams. The property blends sandstone with 21st century living in the conservatory.

"The garden has wide beds and two separate areas of lawn."

## KEY FEATURES

Grade II listed  
Timber framed  
Four bedrooms  
1/4 acre gardens  
Three main receptions

RUYTON XI TOWNS £355,000



## TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

AGENT: Balfours

TEL: 01743 353511

EMAIL: [sales@balfours.co.uk](mailto:sales@balfours.co.uk)



  
**SJRoberts**  
HOMES

**New Homes in  
Shrewsbury and  
Whitchurch**

Visit [sjrobertshomes.com](http://sjrobertshomes.com)  
Tel 01743 368105

Croft  
Gardens

Sweetlove

Part of the SJ Roberts Group

**Building  
your future.**





# Four bedroom family home offers spacious living

GOBOWEN  
£164,950

Town and Country in Oswestry is delighted to offer to the market, 12 Trinity Close, Gobowen, a superb property which is not what it seems.

Stop and look again because once inside this spacious four bedroom family home you will be captivated by every detail which has been carefully thought through and beautifully presented.

The property is on the market for £164,950. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, living room, kitchen/dining area, cloakroom, first floor landing, master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms, study, bathroom and second floor landing.

To the front of the property is a paved and slate area with parking for two cars. The rear garden is all enclosed by wooden fencing, with a paved patio entertainment area, pebbled surround, steps leading



to a raised garden area, wooden gate to the side of the property leading to the front of the property, outside lighting and an outside tap.

The living room has wood effect flooring, windows to the front, modern wall mounted electric fire, coved ceiling, radiator, telephone and TV point.

The kitchen area has a good range of base and wall fitted units.

The dining area has tiled flooring, a patio door to the rear garden and a radiator.

Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property and its convenient location.

Contact Town and Country in Oswestry on 01691 679631 or visit [www.townandcountryoswestry.com](http://www.townandcountryoswestry.com)



## Recently completed four bedroomed barn conversion offers 'wow' factor

KYNASTON  
£549,950

>>>>

Packed with the "wow factor", Treginford Barn in the hamlet of Kynaston near Kinnerley is a recently completed four bedroom barn conversion within equidistance of some 10 miles to Oswestry and Shrewsbury.

It is for sale through Balfours at £549,950. Agent, Duncan Scobie, of Balfours said: "This is an exceptionally well designed conversion. While it dates back to the mid-1800s, its' recently completed conversion provides a magic mix of character and contemporary. That is maximised through original oak timbers quite literally highlighted through the magnificent expanses of glazing."

The wow factor is made the most of on the first floor with a magnificent gallery landing open to the glazed frontage.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.



## Charming home situated in desirable area on outskirts of town

OSWESTRY  
£335,000

<<<<

A charming three-bedroomed detached house in a desirable residential area on the outskirts of town, 32 Hampton Rise, Oswestry, is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £335,000.

The ground floor includes large spacious rooms whilst the first floor includes a large family bathroom. The accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch, entrance hall, cloakroom/WC, a dining room, a lounge, a kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, three bedrooms and a family bathroom.

The property stands on an excellent plot with mature front and rear gardens, a driveway and double garage. Oil central heating and double glazing are installed throughout.

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in the sale of this home.

Contact Bowen Son and Watson on 01691 595003.





## Grade II home benefits from outstanding views of countryside

LLANFECHAIN  
£695,000

>>>

Outstanding views are as valid a reason today for calling Llys Uchaf home, as they would have been when this property was first built in the 17th century.

Today its timber framed construction is celebrated with Grade II listing; the five bed property also includes a detached barn and some 12 acres of grounds. The village of Llanfechain is just over a mile away, while Welshpool and Oswestry are each 11 miles. Approaching the steading a wooded copse, stream and wildlife pond, set the scene, these are superseded by paddocks flanking the drive.

Internally Llys Uchaf wants for nothing; the fully equipped kitchen, family room is highlighted by sky lights adding extra light to the south and north facing windows.

The home has a guide price of £695,000.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.



## Two bedroomed spacious bungalow enjoys great views

OSWESTRY  
£279,995

A spacious two bedroom bungalow with stunning views overlooking the town towards the Shropshire Plain, 22 Hampton Close, Oswestry, is convenient for the town's shopping centre.

The property is on the market through JJ Dell and Co with a guide price of £279,995.

The home occupies a quiet position on Hampton Close, a popular residential area within walking distance of the town's shopping centre.

The property is an individually designed spacious detached bungalow constructed traditionally of brick under a tiled roof.

The well appointed accommodation has the benefit of upvc double glazing and gas fired heating.

The accommodation comprises a reception hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, inner hall, two bedrooms, a bathroom and conservatory.



The property is a detached bungalow occupying a corner plot at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Access is over a wide tarmac driveway which provides ample car parking and turning area leading to a detached garage with electric up and over front door.

The attractive front garden has a feature pond, flower and herbaceous borders.

The large corner garden plot is well stocked with a selection of fruit trees, shrubs and flower and herbaceous borders and good sized rear paved patio area.

For more details about the property contact JJ Dell and Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



## Detached home on a substantial plot comes with good gardens

OSWESTRY  
£176,500

<<<

A charming detached three-bedroomed property on a substantial plot, 74 Llys Road, Oswestry is well presented throughout and has parking for numerous vehicles.

With generous lawned gardens and a wood burning stove in the lounge, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £176,500. With gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge with the wood-burning stove, a dining room, a kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

The private gardens include a generous lawned area with hedging and fencing for privacy with a paved patio area and shrubbed borders. The attached single garage has an up and over door, an integral door to the kitchen and an external door to the rear.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 for more details.







## Many landlords 'unaware' of plan to ban lettings fee

**Over a quarter of landlords are unaware of the proposed lettings fee ban in England that could entirely shift their income models, and potentially increase costs to tenants, new research has found.**

Announced in last year's Autumn Statement, reiterated in the Queen's speech in June, and discussed in Westminster Hall recently, the ban will mean tenants in England will no longer have to pay anything other than rent and a refundable deposit. Other charges will need to be picked up by landlords.

The research by property management platform No Agent found that not only were 31 per cent of landlords surveyed completely unaware of the bill, 14 per cent were only somewhat aware. A closer look at the figures shows that nearly half of those unaware of the ban live in London where stamp duty taxes on second homes have restricted the number of properties bought by landlords, and already led to significant rent increases.

The firm says it is worrying that more than half of the landlords surveyed believe the ban will result in letting agents passing fees on to landlords, who will in turn be forced to increase rents to avoid losses.

Housing Minister Alok Sharma, however, argued in the Westminster debate that evidence from Scotland's recent fees ban shows it won't have the negative consequences people have suggested it would.

The survey also found that 35 per cent of landlords agree with the Government's argument that the ban will force agents to become more competitive and provide better service for landlords. However, 46 per cent felt that the deposit cap of one month's rent, which was included in the initial consultation but was agreed would be exempt from the ban, would make them less likely to rent properties to tenants with a poor credit history as they wouldn't have been able to ask for a higher deposit to mitigate the risk of financial loss.

Some 37.7 per cent of landlords agreed that if the deposit was capped at one month's rent they would be less likely to rent to tenants with pets or with children as they couldn't have asked for a higher deposit to mitigate the risk of property damage.

Overall the majority of landlords, some 57.38 per cent, said that they think that a cap on letting fees for tenants will work better than an outright ban. "It is time to bring the rental sector into the current day and remove the inefficiencies it has been plagued with for so many years, and this bill marks the beginning of this change," said Calum Brannan, chief executive officer of No Agent.

"It's worrying to see the awareness of the proposed tenant fee ban amongst landlords is so low, particularly given how much of an impact this will have on their current business models. More needs to be done by the Government to ensure this vital group know what is to come into effect in 2018," he added.

# Watchdog proposes mortgages that last beyond retirement

**Mortgages lasting into retirement, paid on an interest-only basis, could be re-introduced to the UK under proposals outlined by the country's financial watchdog.**

In a consultation document, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) says that these kind of home loans could be a cheaper alternative for older home owners but it is unlikely to sanction a return to loans with compound interest over many years which can hugely inflate the cost.

Instead it is proposing a 'lifetime' mortgage that would offer more choice.

It has been prompted to consider the move due to an increase in borrowers selling their homes or looking at more expensive equity deals.

### Pensioners

The consultation document says the new interest-only loan would allow pensioners who cannot afford to clear the capital on their current mortgage to continue with the loan with interest paid on a monthly basis with the loan being repaid on death or move to residential care.

"Retirement interest-only mortgages have significantly different risks compared to lifetime mortgages.

"In particular, they do not feature the roll-up of interest, meaning that consumers are not at risk of rapid equity erosion and the subsequent reduction of funds available for a bequest," the consultation says.

The FCA pointed out that the home owner must still be able to afford the ongoing interest payments, but ultimately the loan is repaid through the sale of the property.

"We do consider that there are some risks associated with lending with no fixed term and we are proposing to add a small



number of additional requirements for the sale of these loans," the consultation paper adds. The idea has been widely welcomed in the industry.

"It will widen the choice for consumers quite considerably because there are some lenders who would like to offer this product at the moment but don't feel they can.

"Older borrowers are currently restricted to equity release, or a small number of lenders who are unlikely to offer them the best rates," said Ray Boulger, a mortgage analyst at John Charcol.

Charlie Blagbrough, policy officer at the Building Societies Association, pointed out that the important thing is that the proposal recognised that these mortgages would be different from lifetime mortgages as they do not lead to housing equity being eroded.

"This proposal to take retirement interest only mortgages out of the lifetime mortgage definition is a welcome move from the FCA.

"For some customers, sale of the property on death or moving into residential care may well be an appropriate

capital repayment vehicle," he explained.

"If they have sufficient retirement income to meet affordability from a pension, rental properties or other sources to service the interest on the mortgage rather than rolling it up, then this product offers a great solution," he pointed out.

"Currently a couple of building societies offer these mortgages. If this change leads to more such products on the market, providing consumers with greater choice in their retirement years, then that can only be a good thing," he added.

## Tenants fear they will never get on property ladder

**Almost a third of UK tenants feel they will never own their own home.**

Almost a third of people renting a property in the UK cannot imagine ever owning their own home, a new study has found, with many worried about rent rises.

Overall 31 per cent think they will not be able to buy and 21 per cent think that the removal of mortgage interest tax relief on buy to let properties, which came into force in April 2017, will reduce the supply of rented properties in their area.

### Concerned

Some of the tenants surveyed were also concerned that they will face rent hikes as buy to let landlords pass on the higher costs and six per cent said that their landlord had already or will increase the rent as a direct result of the tax changes.

Affordability and access to mortgage loans were key reasons why many Brits rent, the research report from CoCompare Mortgages point out and half of the tenants surveyed live in rented accommodation because they can't afford to buy their own home.

Some 11 per cent were renting because they were currently unable to obtain a mortgage and 14 per cent of those renting were doing so out of preference. The survey also looked at the profiles of people in rented accommodation, it found that 57 per cent were women, 43 per cent men, 39 per cent were



single households, 28 per cent were families with children and 23 per cent were couples. One in 10 share their home with flat or housemates.

"Our research reveals that half of all tenants are in rental accommodation because they can't afford to buy their own home.

"It now looks like many have given up all hope of ever owning a home and, for some, the changes to buy-to-let regulations are likely to make renting more

expensive. In turn, that makes saving for a mortgage even harder," said Matt Sanders from GoCompare Mortgages.

"April saw profound changes to the taxation of buy-to-let properties which will reduce landlords' profits and our survey suggests that there is a real concern among tenants that to protect their profits, over time some landlords will increase rents while others may sell up, reducing the stock of available private rented homes," he added.



# Centre's Knife Angel to play key role in campaign



Ben Knowles, from the British Ironwork Centre, with artist's impressions of the new plans

KNIVES seized by Shropshire's police force during a four-week amnesty will go towards making a plinth for the county's Knife Angel sculpture.

All the knives surrendered will be added to the monument, which has been created to raise the awareness of knife crime. All the weapons collected will be given to the British Ironworks Centre at Aston near Oswestry to create a plinth for the sculpture.

The 26ft angel sculpture has been made from more than 100,000 knives already collected by police forces around the country.

Meanwhile, the British Ironwork Centre has revealed more details of its expansion plans.

A miniature railway to explore 100-acres of countryside at the tourist destination forms part of its new plans.

Other plans include an outdoor theatre and crazy golf course and there could also be new

buildings housing a farm shop, cafe, cycle museum and youth support enterprise centre.

The centre learned this week it may not be allowed to create a second access as an alternative to traffic using an access off the A5.

Highways officers have said the centre should not continue with a partially built access point onto the B5009 unless it can demonstrate to planning officers that there is suitable visibility.



Oswestry Police Sergeant Scott Barnes takes a look at the Knife Angel

However, highways bosses maintain they have no objection to the plan as a whole.

They said access to the B5009 between Queens Head and Whittington should be permanently closed.

On a site visit on April 10, officers noted that vehicular access had been "substantially completed". Shropshire Council will have the final say on the plans and make a decision on the application at a later date.

## Amy to take on islands challenge

WORLD-RECORD breaking runner Amy Hughes is heading overseas for her next challenge.

Amy, originally from West Felton near Oswestry, is setting out to run 400 miles across and around the Balearic Islands, just off eastern Spain.

She rose to fame in 2014 after completing 53 marathons in 53 consecutive days and breaking the world record.

In 2015 she ran from Oswestry to London and then in 2016, she ran 520 miles on a treadmill in seven days. However this time she is just running for the love of the sport.

She said: "I think the reason I am so excited about this challenge is because I have started thinking more about why I originally started running."

"I started running to feel good, to have time to think, to enjoy running and the scenery I was running in, to inspire others and to get outside."

"So this time I am running to enjoy the beautiful scenery, to have fun and to explore new places I have never been before. I am not running for the times or records."

Starting in Formentera, Amy will run the length of the island from bottom to top, then around the whole of Ibiza, across Mallorca then finally around Menorca.

She added: "I am so lucky to have such wonderful people around me that always help and support me but this time it will be down to me, and in equal measures I am excited and nervous."

## Villages will reveal plans for the future

A LOTTERY-funded scheme which has invested more than £140,000 into three villages is about to move to the next stage of its community plan.

The Three Parishes Big Local Partnership was awarded £1 million of lottery funding to help the communities of Weston Rhyn, Gobowen and St Martins.

A public meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Wednesday at the St Martins Centre, Overton Road, St Martins to reveal detail of future plans.

Partnership chairman Nick Heard said: "We have just come to the end of the third year of our 10-year Big Lottery funded programme."

In the past 12 months, we have invested over £140,000 in the communities of Weston Rhyn, St Martins and Gobowen.

"Three Parishes Big Local is a community-led programme and our public meeting on September 27 will give local people the opportunity to come along and find out about our projects over the past year and our plan for the next two years."

"There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas with the partnership."

## Artist to give talk about his work

DANIEL Yeoman will be in the Willow Gallery in Oswestry from 12.30pm onwards on Saturday to give an informal talk about his artistic journey and his work.

He said he would warmly welcome people to come and share his enthusiasm for his subjects - both portraiture and landscapes. Daniel is greatly inspired by light and the beautiful scenery the local countryside has to offer. Some of his latest plein air paintings from his travels around Wales will be on sale.

## Garden club to meet

TREFONEN Garden Club resumes its monthly meetings this evening (Thursday) with Pete Evans of Derwen College providing the talk. The meeting takes place at 7.30pm at the village hall.

# Programme ensures vital life lessons are learned



Arddleen School's Rhys James, Seren Walkins and Bethan Hearne learn about road safety from Oswestry Rotarian David Towers



Ellesmere Primary School's Ollie Coburn and Rosie Allen learn about farm safety from Maesbury farmer Malcolm Roberts and Meir Ellis from NFU Mutual

### Report by Sue Austin

**MORE than 400 children have learned valuable life lessons at an event looking at everything from road safety to cyber security.**

The Park Hall Showground near Oswestry was transformed for the four-day, Lifeline event, run by the Rotary Club of Oswestry.

Agencies and organisations built different scenarios that children were taken through to show them how easy it is to get into danger and how to keep themselves safe.

Those taking part included a special road safety team and cycle safety team, the fire service, Coastguard, National Farmers' Union, St John Ambulance, local police and British Transport Police.

Rotarian, David Gordon, said the children, all in their last year in primary school, looked at safety on the farm, near the railway and on the water. Stranger danger and drugs were also covered as well as basic first aid.

"A few years ago we were contacted by a school who said that one of the girls who came to Lifeline had been with her grandma when the lady collapsed. She remembered what she had learnt and was able to put her into the recovery position while waiting for help to arrive," he said.

Rotarian volunteers run scenarios on bullying and internet safety.

"The internet safety area was only launched a few years ago, we are constantly adapting to changing dangers in society," Mr Gordon said.



Ellesmere Primary School's Sophie Edwards with Transport Police Officer Julie Edwards



Ellesmere Primary School's Riva Manley, Josh Martin and Nicola Kowalcank learn about cycle safety from Oswestry Rotarian John Ward



# Panel bans teacher over his conduct

A TEACHER has been banned from the classroom after a misconduct panel found him guilty of sexually motivated conduct with young girls.

David Hugh Gideon, 67, taught at The Marches School in Oswestry, but the offences happened before he started working there and the incidents were not connected in any way to the school.

The panel heard that Gideon discussed with the mother of a young girl about engaging in sexual activity with the daughter.

In Skype and Yahoo Chat messages to other young girls he asked for inappropriate photographs. He also received indecent images of children on his computer and discussed child abuse over his computer with a person he admitted he believed to be a paedophile.

Gideon had denied all the allegations. Gideon began teaching at the Oswestry school part time in January 2014.

However, in November 2014 the school was told by Flintshire Social Services that Gideon had been arrested on suspicion of having images of child abuse on his computer or other electronic devices at his home.

His work at the school was terminated in December 2014 and he then resigned in January 2015.

The National College of Teaching and Leadership panel found him guilty on the balance of probabilities of all the allegations against him and that his conduct was "sexually motivated".

Following the decision, Marches School headteacher Alison Pearson said: "The matter leading to the initial concern or any other incidents referred to were not connected in any way to the Marches School or any Marches School students.

"The school's recruitment and safeguarding processes adhere to all government standards.

"As soon as the school was notified by Flintshire County Council the member of staff was suspended and did not return to the school."

# Town peace group goes 'Over the Top'

THE story of a battle between a peace activist and a pro-military will be performed later this month.

Oswestry Coalition for Peace is presenting the story called Over the Top, performed by Journeymen Theatre.

Written and performed by Lynn and Dave Morris, Over the Top is a powerful drama focussing on the dilemmas created when two contrasting points of view about the role of the military clash and come to a head-on confrontation. The 45-minute drama, commissioned by the Central England Quaker Peace Committee, will be followed by a discussion.

Entrance is free and doors open at 7.30pm on Friday next week, for an 8pm start.

For further information, contact Derek Williams on (01691) 661793, email ocp2014@gmx.co.uk or visit www.journeymentheatre.com and www.hermion-chapel.com

# Efforts made to promote tourism

A DELEGATION aiming to put Oswestry firmly on the tourism map is on its way to a national travel show.

The Go Travel event will be held in the Southport Theatre and Convention Centre on September 30, aimed at coach and tour operators.

Representatives of the British Ironwork Centre will have a stall and exhibition promoting Oswestry at the one-day event and are urging other businesses to join them. Clive Knowles from the centre on the edge of the town said: "Anyone wishing to have their leaflets or brochures accessible to coach and tour operators on the day, should get in touch as soon as possible. Those interested should contact (01691) 610952.

## Picture Focus



Walkers enjoy the view from Grinshill Hill



Time for a snack at Burwarton Show



The Shrewsbury skyline in a picture taken from Haughmond Hill

# New book features stunning images of a Shropshire year

Report by Toby Neal

**GETTING** that perfect sunrise picture needs the right light, a bit of luck – and a really early start.

So Mike Hayward leaves those ones to son John.

"John does the early ones where you get up at 3.30am and go up a hill somewhere. I'm too old. I was 70 two weeks ago. And then there's the stuff he has to carry around with him. His backpack weighs two stone. If I had that on I would fall over backwards," said Mike.

Their photographic teamwork has now reached fruition with a book of stunning images taken across the county, called A Year In Shropshire.

"We've been doing these pictures of Shropshire for some time, me in particular. John has been doing it for four years, and I've been doing it all my life really. It's a curse. You can't stop once you start," said Mike, who has a background in press photography.

Together the pair run the Shropshire and Beyond photographic website library, which has thousands of images, and it led to them getting the idea for this, their first book.

"We thought, let's put a book proposal in and see if anybody is interested. We did, to Merlin Unwin, and they took us up like a shot."

## Weather

The book contains more than 160 images spanning the seasons although despite the title they were not all taken in the same calendar year, some of them having been taken some years ago.

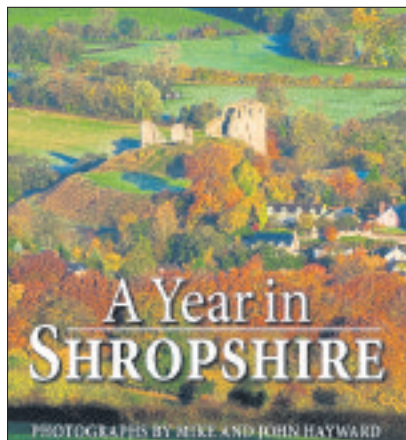
"The whole thing is weather dependent. It's a nightmare to be honest. You never know what the weather is going to do.

"We have tried to spread the book over the whole county. There are a lot of books which concentrate on the south of the county, but we have places like Ellesmere and Whitchurch."

As to what spurs him on, Mike said: "It's being out there, hopefully in nice weather, seeing such a beautiful county in front of you. It's almost like a mission to capture it.

"John uses Nikon equipment, in particular a long lens, which is how you get pictures like the Shrewsbury skyline which was taken from Haughmond Hill, quite a long way off. I use Fuji cameras which are much lighter and smaller."

All the pictures were taken digitally. John, who is 31, started doing photography with his dad in March 2012. Before that, he says, he did some mind-numbing office jobs.



A Year In Shropshire by Mike and John Hayward



Lambs gambol in the snow at the Stiperstones



John and Mike up a hill in south Shropshire

He does not mind being the one who does the getting up early.

"I have trouble getting to sleep because I'm so excited. It's like Christmas," he said.

"You never know what you are going to get. A few days ago I did a picture at Caradoc. The forecasts were good, the sun came up, and I had it for 10 minutes and then the only cloud in the sky blocked it for 40 minutes. It was heartbreaking.

"But that's rare. Usually you are quite lucky, with lovely golden light."

Mike has had an interest in photography from an early age and his first job was with

the Shropshire Star in 1964 even before the paper had started printing, but his "photographic job" on the paper was not quite what he expected.

"I discovered it was not photography as such at all. I was an apprentice camera operator and my job was photographing pages."

After five years the chief photographer Johnnie Johnson, knowing young Mike's interest, told him there was a photographer's job going on the Bridgnorth Journal, and suggested he applied.

"I did, and got the job, having never been a press photographer before. My first job was

the Bridgnorth Walk with Melvyn Morgan, the Journal reporter who became a long-serving stalwart on the paper."

Mike later had another press photographer job in Reading, before returning to Shropshire and working as a photographer for the Shropshire Star's sister paper, the Express & Star, for 23 years.

The book was a real family affair as Mike's wife Lynne, a journalist, wrote the captions. A Year In Shropshire is hardback and published by Merlin Unwin Books of Ludlow.

It has 192 pages and costs £20.





Jane Stirling, Margorie Mellor and Gillian Roberts at the get-together



Sybil Williamson, Michael Davie and Anthea Davie at the celebration



John Garton-Jones, Alan Poole and David Stirling

## Event hits right note

Report by Aimee Jones

**AN informal reception for 60 guests at the Sweeney Hall Hotel, near Oswestry, celebrated the success of this year's Whittington Music Festival.**

The High Sheriff of Shropshire Charles Lillis mingled with the festival's sponsors, trustees, friends and volunteers and spoke, acknowledging the contribution of the week-long concert series to the area's artistic and economic life.

Beethoven in the Borders brought 15 world-class musicians to the village and resulted in six packed chamber music concerts, an outdoor recital in the woods of Chirk Castle, a webcast on Astro Radio, as well as workshops in schools and rehearsals and a performance with young musicians.

Artistic director James Barralet has already begun to plan 2018's celebration of British chamber music, and has successfully enlisted the involvement of the Elias Quartet again, along with other international artists yet to be confirmed.

The Festival Trust is recruiting some new trustees who will help the festival secure and enhance its future, and there are initiatives in the pipeline we shall report on later in the year.

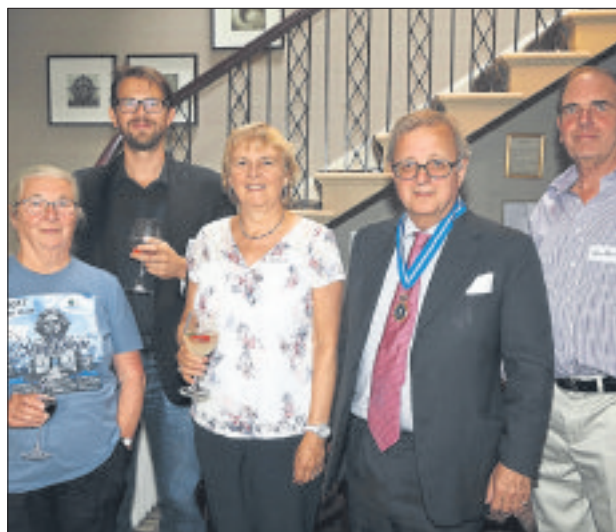
Organisers say the main task now is to pull together a sixth festival as professional and successful as the five enjoyed so far and to that end the task of applying for funding begins. The festival depends on grants for almost 50 per cent of its funding each year.



Brian Williams, Maureen Beard, David Williams and Margaret Williams at the event



Veronica Lillis, Michael Embrey and Christine Hughes celebrate



Marion Lycett, James Barralet, Rosie Mortimer, Charles Lillis and Lawrence Mortimer enjoy the get-together at Sweeney Hall Hotel



Arnie Sleutelberg, Barbara Molesworth and Philip Crowe



Elizabeth Jones, Carolyn Bradley, Rob Greaves, Judy Greaves and Eileen Limbrey



## Dressmaking classes begin

WOULD be dressmakers or those who want to brush up ancient skills can join classes in a village hall.

Sewing machines have been a regular sight in Llanymynech Village Hall for many years, with the new term starting on Thursday next week.

Sarah Thursfield who oversees the classes said they were ideal for anyone who wanted to try their hand at dressmaking, but didn't know where to start, wanted to tame a sewing machine, or learn how to follow a pattern.

The classes meet on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

For more details or to book a place, contact the tutor on (01691) 839286 or through [www.sarahthursfield.com](http://www.sarahthursfield.com).

## Smallholders to meet up again

THIS month North Shropshire & Borders Smallholding and Country Living Group has David Lee, a Shropshire dairy farmer, talking about cows, farming and the last 40 years.

The meeting is on Wednesday next week at The Bradford Arms in Llanymynech starting at 8pm and anyone who is interested is very welcome to come along. The cost for visitors is £5 single/£7.50 couple. For more information ring (01952) 740242 or go to the website at [www.northshrop-smallholder.co.uk](http://www.northshrop-smallholder.co.uk).

## Bicycle is stolen

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a bicycle was stolen in Oswestry.

The black and green Carrera Vulcan mountain bike was stolen between 2.30pm and 4pm on September 9, from the rear of a charity shop in Church Street. Anyone who has information or who may have been offered the bike for sale should contact police on 101.

# Owners come out in numbers to back dog show



Issac Page, aged 11, with Larry and Vinnie



Janet Roberts and Rhys Owen with Pixie



Lola Evans, 11, and Dot Evans, nine, with Sally

# Barking mad fun

**OSWESTRY'S inaugural dog show raised hundreds of pounds for a rescue charity – and a greyhound even found a new home.**

Hector's Greyhound Rescue hosted a fun dog show on the Bailey Head in Oswestry, which raised more than £600 for the dogs.

A giant Irish wolfhound, a springer spaniel puppy, a speedy lurcher and more lined up in front of the Guildhall in the hope of being crowned Best in Show.

Volunteer Fred Brown said he hoped the successful event would become an annual addition to the Oswestry market calendar.

"We would love it to be an annual thing," he said. "If David Clough, the mar-

**Report by Aimee Jones**

ket manager, asks us to return next year we would be delighted.

"We're all really pleased with how it went and the turnout considering we managed to arrange it in such short notice. We planned it all in just four weeks so I think we did well." All of the money raised on the day will be spent on vet bills, dog food and temporary accommodation for some dogs in kennels as there is not enough foster homes available.

"We usually have around 15 dogs so the cost of all that really adds up," Fred added.

"What was great about Saturday was that we got another foster parent out of it and another couple have said they will

adopt one of our dogs when they come back off holiday. It makes it all worthwhile when things like that happen."

At the end of the day, the winners of all of the categories, including best rescue, best pedigree, market dog and waggiest tail, were entered into the Best in Show ring.

A lurcher girl took the top prize followed by a Labrador who won reserve Best in Show.

The winner of each category went home with a rosette and a box of treats.

The event was sponsored by BBR Opticians in Oswestry. Ruth Grellier, BBR director, and Richard Grellier got involved after they rescued Paddy who was taken in by Hector's after he was abandoned.



Michael and Jane Wilkinson, of Oswestry, with Bonny

**StarReader Travel**  
Hand picked holidays with you in mind



Return coach travel from Oswestry and Welshpool

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

at the Royal Albert Hall

Departing Saturday  
16 December 2017

Take time out in the final countdown to Christmas to enjoy this candle-lit concert of popular carols, classical pieces and readings, all exquisitely staged in 18th-century costume. This great-value break also includes free time for last-minute gift shopping.

### Price Includes...

- ✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star hotel within 30 miles of central London with full English breakfast
- ✓ A Circle ticket (face value £26.47) for the Saturday evening performance of Carols by Candlelight (upgrades available)
- ✓ Return coach transfer to the Royal Albert Hall
- ✓ Free time in London on Sunday



2 days, by coach

Only **£149**.95pp

Quote Code: **NFC334**



View product online at  
[www.omega-holidays.com/NFC334](http://www.omega-holidays.com/NFC334)

Single room supplement £30pp. Subject to availability.

## CLASSICAL SPECTACULAR

AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Quote Code: **EVX638**



Departing Saturday 18 November 2017

### Price Includes...

- ✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star hotel within 20 miles of central London with full English breakfast
- ✓ A Choir ticket (face value of £25) for Classical Spectacular on Saturday 18 November at the Royal Albert Hall (upgrades available at a supplement)
- ✓ Free time in London

2 days, by coach

only **£149**.95pp

View product online at  
[www.omega-holidays.com/EVX638](http://www.omega-holidays.com/EVX638)

Single room supplements £30pp. Subject to availability.

Quote Code: **RLW498**

## ELVIS

AT THE O2  
EXHIBITION



Selected Saturday departures,  
November 2017 - January 2018

### Price Includes...

- ✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star hotel with 3-course dinner and full English breakfast
- ✓ Timed admission to The King is Back! - Elvis on Tour at the O2 Arena on Sunday
- ✓ Free time in London

2 days, by coach

only **£129**.95pp

View product online at  
[www.omega-holidays.com/RLW498](http://www.omega-holidays.com/RLW498)

Single room supplements £30pp. Subject to availability.

For more information  
or to book, please call:

**01743 455617**

OPENING TIMES: MON-FRI 8.30-19.00  
SAT 8.30-16.00 SUN 10.00-16.00

Organised by Omega Holidays plc, ABTA V4782.



OmegaHols



@OmegaHols



OmegaHols





**ON YOUR MARKS  
FOR A TOP TOUR**

**INSIDE**

**YOUR WEEKLY ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE**





# Stand up is about instant gratification

**H**e fancied doing something when he was planning his autumn tour for 2017. So Mark Watson decided to take the most contrary approach possible. He named his tour MW and only agreed to visit towns and cities where either the place or the venue began with one of those consonants. So while Mawnan Smith, Much Wenlock (double points – an M and a W) and Middle Wallop were in, Stafford, Lichfield and other non-MW towns were out.

The novel approach was intended not just to give Watson a talking point – and that, it surely does. It was also designed so that he'd visit off-the-beaten track towns – he's surely never played Westbury-on-Trym before – ahead of a return to a tried and tested path next year.

Happily, the Mac, at Birmingham, gave him the opportunity to visit the Second City and Mark will be in town on October 6.

He's enjoyed mixing it up and visiting new venues. "It's hard to get round all the places you want to go to when you book a tour. No matter where you go, people will tell us we didn't go to the right place. So we were thinking of a way to whittle it down. As a joke, we had neon initials made of an M and a W.

"So the beginning of the joke was that we only played places that began with M or W. Gradually we started to gather places together and realised that there were enough to do a tour. It's quite a nice schedule of places I haven't been to before."

## ALPHABET

MW will, therefore, ruminate on Mark's unique approach to touring. But fans can expect a little more than Watson's alphabet soup. And visiting new venues and new towns means he's more likely to improvise than if he's returning to favourite haunts.

"There's certain material I'll do and have confidence in. But it's much more challenging in a new town; it certainly puts you on your mettle. But that's no bad thing. It provides you with more of a chance to interact with the audience because you're learning on the spot."

Mark will dwell on the need for people to understand one another and empathy on his present tour. The material has gone down well and Mark's enjoying his time on the road, with shows through to February. Bigger things lie ahead.

"One of the reasons why I like the MW thing is that it's a rogue tour between bigger tours. If you do 80 or 90 shows, there are some bits, some chunks, that you get a little sick of. It's impossible not to. And I think the moment I feel that, the audience can tell because the freshness goes. So this set of shows are special because that can't happen.

"I like having enough of a script to never completely run out of material, but at the same time I will go off piste as often as I can, especially if there's interesting stuff in the audience. Sometimes I'll be asking the audience to write down things that I can mess around with. I tend to see it as a good thing if I can go off piste because I know I can get it back. As I get more experienced, I get better at steering the show.

"Years ago I did an interview with Eddie Izzard when I was doing work experience as a young 'un. He talked about a gig being like a motorway journey, you can go straight on but it's more interesting to go off on the little side roads. As long as you take it from one place to another, in between you can do as you like."

Mark is a happy tourer. He used to be ruthless about getting home after a show

*If all I did was write books I'd be bored – I like doing both*

but these days he likes to hang out. He'll enjoy visiting new towns or dropping by to visit relatives if he's in their neck of the woods. And if there's a little downtime before a show, he can always turn his hand to writing. The Celebrity Island contestant is an accomplished wordsmith who has written six novels. He believes comedy and writing go hand in hand.

"Both are about having ideas. I tend to use the novels to explore ideas in more depth and do stuff I wouldn't normally do on stage. Quite a lot of novels or books are just an extension of what people do in real life. They're different to the shows. Logistically, it's quite difficult to do both because of the time they take. So I do a lot of writing on the road because otherwise it would be difficult to fit everything in. It's sort of in my blood to be doing it. It's natural to me to be doing that.

"Stand-up is about adrenalin and instant gratification. The audience is there and they laugh right away. But book writing gives you a much longer sense of fulfilment. They work well together. If all I did was write books, I'd be bored. If I just did stand up, it would be too frenetic. So I'm happy doing both."

● For more entertainment news and reviews see **The Ticket** in your Shropshire Star every Friday.



To advertise in  
this space  
please call  
Beverley Thompson  
01691 668092



# Get your tickets for some 1940s fun

With the third Welshpool 1940s Weekend coming soon organisers say now is the time to make sure of your tickets for the different events that will be making up the event.

The event runs from Friday next week until October 1 inclusive.

A variety show will take place on the Friday afternoon at 2pm and will feature Andy Eastwood, Maggie O'Hara and Pete Lindup. They will be paying tribute to the stars of the era including Vera Lynn, George Formby, Anne Shelton, Robb Wilton, Max Miller and Arthur Askey. Tickets are £8.50 concessions £6.50.

An early bird party nite will be held

in the Town Hall on the Friday evening featuring Ricky Hunter and Amanda Beaumont supported by video DJ Peter Phillips. Tickets cost £6.

A 1940s dinner will be held at The Baytree Tearooms with entertainment on the Friday evening at £25 for three courses. Book at the Baytree.

An afternoon teadance will be held at The Church House on the Saturday afternoon from 2pm to 5pm. Tickets are £5 to include tea & cakes. A Blitz Ball featuring the 10 piece Ashby Little Big Band with guest vocalist Sarah Woodhall plus dance instructors will take place on the Saturday evening at 7.30pm. Tickets £11. A Big Band Evening organised by

the Rotary Club will take place at the Cowshacc from 7.30pm on the Saturday evening featuring Porthywaen Silver Band playing the music of Glenn Miller and other big bands to raise funds for Dementia Friendly Welshpool. Tickets are £8 from Celtic Travel, Tourist Information Centre or Cowshacc.

Casablanca will be shown at the Church House on the Sunday from 2.30pm, doors open 2pm.

Bringing the 1940s weekend to a close on the Sunday evening will be a concert in the Methodist Church featuring the Shawbury Military Wives Choir, Porthywaen Silver Band and special guest star Tammy Jones. Tickets £7.50.



Coming soon...

## Rugby star is guest speaker

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust Cymru has announced that former Welsh rugby union player Sir Gareth Edwards will be the guest speaker at its annual dinner and auction in North Wales this November. The dinner and auction will be held at the St George's Hotel, on the Promenade at Llandudno, on November 29, where Sir Gareth will entertain the audience with tales of his countryside pursuits and his celebrated sporting career. Sir Gareth has been described as one of the greatest players of all time in world rugby. A keen shooting and fishing man, he is passionate about the countryside and its importance to Wales, and is keen to encourage more people to become involved in its conservation. Will Richards, chairman of the GWCT North Wales committee, said, "We are delighted that Sir Gareth will join us at our fundraising dinner as our guest speaker. It will be a fantastic opportunity to hear him speak in North Wales and at the same time raise the profile of the GWCT and show its very serious commitment to Wales." GWCT Cymru was launched at this year's Royal Welsh Show and aims to highlight the importance of shooting and conservation in Wales. It is hoped that the dinner and auction will raise awareness of the trust's activities and the importance of its conservation work in Wales. For details on GWCT North Wales dinner and auction, or to book tickets, contact Will Richards at northwales@gwct.co.uk or visit the GWCT Cymru website: [www.gwct.org.uk/wales](http://www.gwct.org.uk/wales)



## Enjoy a beautiful canal walk

A voluntary group has organised a sponsored walk along a picturesque canal so people can raise money for the charity of their choice.

The Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham is facilitating the event along the Llangollen Canal.

The event takes place on Saturday.

The walk will be split into two journeys, from Trevor basin to Llangollen at 10.30am and back again for those able to do a longer walk.

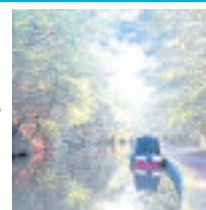
John Gallanders, chief officer of The Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham, said: "We know that funding is getting more scarce and groups are relying on the goodwill of their supporters."

"This is a marvellous opportunity for people representing all different voluntary organisations to come together to raise funds."

"We are hoping to make it an annual event giving the third sector in Wrexham a platform for raising funds without the hassle of arranging such an event themselves."

It costs £5 to take part and people are encouraged to raise money for their chosen cause or for the Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham's Making a Difference grant fund which gives money to a range of charities and community groups.

For more information or a sponsor form, contact Victoria Milner on (01978) 312556 or e-mail [info@avow.org](mailto:info@avow.org).



# Historic theatre to host wide variety of top acts

**T**ICKETS to a host of top-drawer shows at an historic theatre are now available – ranging from classics of the stage to twists on modern classics.

Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre has released tickets for a variety of shows, including the return of Willy Russell's Blood Brothers, which will take over the theatre for a six-evening stint next April.

The classic drama is one of a number of new shows announced, including a new production from Black Country comedy group The Fizzogs, who will be bringing Freezin', their take on Disney classic Frozen, to life.

The Fizzogs, who shot to fame in 2014 after a video of their dancing grannies' routine went viral, will perform at the Grand on November 16, the night after Katie Markham takes the songs of Adele to the city as part of the Someone Like You – The Adele Songbook show.

Katie was hand-picked by Adele herself on Graham Norton's BBC Adele Special in 2015 to take on the role of the multi-million-selling singer for a stage production and has not looked back since.

She will be performing hits from the record-breaking albums 19, 21 and 25 on November 16.

Tickets are on sale for a special Afternoon with Christopher Biggins show, hosted by BBC Midlands Today's Nick Owen, taking place on October 27.

Fans will be able to join in with a talk on the career of the 68-year-old actor, who has appeared in programmes including Porridge, Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em and Surprise Surprise in what is a unique show for the theatre.

The rest of the shows will be taking place next year, including an evening with Buddy Holly and The Crickets with The Rock and Roll Orchestra.

The show has wowed audiences across the globe

Katie Markham will be performing Adele's top hits



from Cardiff to California in recent years and will return to Wolverhampton on March 7.

After surpassing 10,000 shows a long time ago, Blood Brothers is still going strong and the show dubbed the Standing Ovation Musical for its ability to invariably get crowds on their feet at the end of the evening returns, returns to the city on April 16, running through to April 21.

Bringing the new series of shows to a close is Beautiful

– The Carole King Musical, which tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom.

It goes from her being, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Beautiful will be at Wolverhampton Grand from June 12 to 16.

## NOTICE BOARD

\* A WILDLIFE show will be coming to Mid Wales. The Wildlife Road Trip will see natural history broadcasters Martin Hughes-Games and Iolo Williams team up. The show will include their real life stories and they will take the audience behind the scenes of the world of wildlife and TV presenting. Zoologist and presenter Mr Hughes-Games has worked in TV for 30 years, and Mr Williams is Wales's best known naturalist who has presented more than 25 series in England and Welsh for S4C and BBC. He has appeared on a number of shows and is a regular on BBC Two's Springwatch and AutumnWatch. The show will be held at the Pavilion in Llandrindod Wells. The show will take place on Friday, October 6

and tickets are available from the pavilion box office on (01597) 258118 or via Eventbrite.

\* MILITARY wives and girlfriends will join together for a choral performance. Chirk celebrations and lights committee is hosting the event on Saturday featuring the RAF military wives choirs from Shawbury, Stafford and Cosford. It takes place in St Mary's Church, Chirk at 7pm. Tickets are £10 or £7 for concessions and will not be available on the door. They are available from Fine Things, opposite the church or call

Christine Ashford on (01691) 777133 or email [mashford06@btinternet.com](mailto:mashford06@btinternet.com) for more information.

\* A NUMBER of events will take place at Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre in Craven Arms over the next couple of months. From this week until October 31, David Randell's Mostly Shropshire Exhibit and The Marches Scribes' Calligraphy Art Pieces will be on show in the gallery. On October 1, visitors have the chance to join discovery centre ranger Amanda Apps and her volunteer work group to tend to the meadows. All ages and abilities are welcome. A Star Wars Jedi Academy for children will take place at the centre from October 23 to 27. There will be a training session of games

and activities. On October 24 children can create Star Wars-themed goodies.

\* SHREWSBURY Choral Society is pleased with the response to its invitation to learn about the joy of singing, with a series of choral workshops being held on Saturday and also on September 30 and October 7. Thelma Foster, chairman of the Shrewsbury Choral Society said: "I am delighted with the response to people who want to enjoy singing. It makes the workshops worthwhile and there are still a few places available. The venue is The United Reformed Church, Coleham Head, Shrewsbury, with the workshops taking place between 10am and 1pm." For details visit [www.shrewsburychoral.org.uk](http://www.shrewsburychoral.org.uk) under 'Learn to Sing'.

## School inspection tales to be told

Renowned public speaker and author Gervase Phinn will take to the stage in Staffordshire later this year. He will be appearing at the MET Studio at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre in October.

Phinn, aged 70, has been touring theatres across the country for more than 10 years. He will be sharing his poignant tales of life as a schools inspector in the Yorkshire Dales.

After a career as a teacher, he became a schools inspector and, latterly, Visiting Professor of Education at the University of Teesside.

The writer is best known for his best-selling series of five Dales books for Penguin.

Affectionately dubbed 'the James Herriot of Schools', Phinn has also written a wide range of academic books, children's poetry and fiction.

He is also a columnist on The Countryman.

The event will start at 7.30pm on October 8.

Tickets are priced at £19 and available from the box office on 01785 619080 or via [www.staffordgatehousetheatre.co.uk](http://www.staffordgatehousetheatre.co.uk)





# September 23



## Pointless Celebrities

5.35pm

Liz Pichon, Pam Ayres, Quentin Letts, Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, Jill Mansell, Jimmy McGovern and Mark Watson take part in a celebrity writer-themed edition of the unorthodox quiz.



## Gardeners' World

5.30pm

As the Autumn Equinox arrives, Monty Don plans for Christmas by planting bulbs to brighten the dark winter days ahead and also offers advice on planting garlic for next year.



## The Family Chase

7pm

Bradley Walsh hosts another family-themed edition of the game show. This time, the Ghandis from London pit their general-knowledge know-how against that of the show's professional quizzers.



## Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson

7pm

New series. The Time Team host travels along more of Britain's ancient trackways, beginning in Dartmoor.



## Football on 5: The Championship

9pm

Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Derby County v Birmingham City and Sunderland v Cardiff City.

## BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.** News, sport and entertainment reports.
- 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.** Comedian Chris Ramsey submits himself to food heaven or hell, courtesy of chefs Simon Rogan and Galton Blackiston, as he joins Glynn Purnell in the kitchen studio.
- 11.30 The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food.** Si King and Dave Myers cook comfort food dishes straight from the oven, including a new take on steak and chips and sticky gingerbread. (R)
- 12.00 Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's matches, which include West Ham United v Tottenham Hotspur and Southampton v Manchester United.
- 1.00 BBC News.** Weather.
- 1.15 Bargain Hunt.** Two teams test their antiquary knowledge at Edinburgh's Royal Highland Centre, aided by experts Kate Bliss and Ben Cooper. Presented by Thomas Plant. (R)
- 2.00 Cycling: Road World Championships.** Jill Douglas presents live coverage of the women's elite road race at the UCI Road World Championships in Bergen, Norway. Coverage continues on BBC2.
- 4.00 Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news from the Premier League, EFL and Scotland.
- 5.15 BBC News.**
- 5.25 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 5.35 Pointless Celebrities.** Liz Pichon, Pam Ayres, Quentin Letts, Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, Jill Mansell, Jimmy McGovern and Mark Watson take part in a celebrity writer-themed edition of the unorthodox quiz.
- 6.25 Strictly Come Dancing.** The pro-celebrity dance contest returns, as judges Shirley Ballas, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell get a taste of what the dancing duos are capable of.
- 8.45 Casualty.** Iain is stunned to learn his new colleague at the ambulance station is none other than former registrar Samantha Nicholls, and Alicia plays matchmaker for Jacob and Elle.
- 9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes fears her family is planning to send her to a nursing home, when in fact it is Spartacus the dog who is set to be sent away. Comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll. (R)
- 10.05 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.**
- 10.25 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including West Ham United v Tottenham Hotspur and Southampton v Manchester United.
- 11.55 People Just Do Nothing.** Miche and Grindah's wedding day arrives, and while the bride longs for a fairytale ceremony, the groom is more excited about Kurupt FM's first-ever daytime rave. Last in the series.
- 12.25 FILM: Hollywood Homicide (2003).** Two cops dream of escaping their jobs until their skills are challenged by the baffling case of a rapper murdered on stage. Action comedy, starring Harrison Ford and Josh Hartnett.
- 2.15 Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 2.20 BBC News.**

## BBC2

- 6.15 The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL. (R)
- 6.45 How We Won the War.** Featuring stories from north-east England. (R)
- 7.15 FILM: African Cats (2011).** Documentary following lions and cheetahs in the wild.
- 8.45 FILM: Kitty Foyle (1940).** Romantic drama, with Ginger Rogers.
- 10.30 Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo.** Belgian trainspotters who spied on enemy rail movements. (R)
- 11.00 Coast.** The team focuses on the Irish Sea and its surrounding land. (R)
- 12.00 Rick Stein's Long Weekends.** The chef heads to Palermo on the northern coast of Sicily. (R)
- 1.00 Cheetahs - Growing Up Fast.** Two years in the lives of a cheetah mother and her cubs. (R)
- 2.00 Flog It!** From Hereford Cathedral.
- 2.30 Mastermind.** Specialist subjects include Coronation Street. (R)
- 3.00 University Challenge.** The University of Leicester takes on Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. (R)
- 3.30 Only Connect.** A team of people who met on a quiz app take on three public school teachers. (R)
- 4.00 Cycling: Road World Championships.** Concluding live coverage of the women's elite road race in Bergen, Norway.
- 5.30 Gardeners' World.** Monty Don plants bulbs to brighten the dark winter days ahead. (R)
- 6.30 The Big Family Cooking Showdown.** Zoe Ball and Nadiya Hussain host the culinary competition, which sees families from south-west London and Northamptonshire competing for a place in the semi-finals. (R)
- 7.30 Front Row.** New series. Radio 4's long-running review show makes the leap to TV screens, as Giles Coren is joined by Nihal Arthanayake and Viv Groskop to explore the arts world this week.
- 8.00 Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands.** Paul Merton returns to explore more of the remote and fascinating places that lie off the mainland, beginning by visiting Berneray, Grimsay, Kirkibost and Pabbay. (R)
- 8.30 Dad's Army.** Jones's reputation is called into question by an old comrade's allegations about his conduct at the Battle of Omdurman in Sudan. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)
- 9.00 Later - with Jools Holland 25th Birthday Show.** An evening of live music to celebrate the show's 25th anniversary, featuring performances by Foo Fighters, Paul Weller, Dizzee Rascal, Van Morrison and more.
- 11.00 FILM: Brighton Rock (2010).** A criminal in the 1960s tries to seduce a waitress who can connect him to a murder, determined to ensure her silence. Drama, starring Sam Riley and Andrea Riseborough.
- 12.45 FILM: The Stepford Wives (2004).** A TV executive leaves the rat race and moves to an idyllic town - but realises the residents are hiding a dark secret. Black comedy remake, with Nicole Kidman.
- 2.10 This Is BBC2.**

## ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Sooty 6.10 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids 6.20 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.45 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 7.00 Mission Employable 7.05 Oddbods 7.10 Oddbods 7.20 Super 4**
- 7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
- 7.35 Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
- 7.50 Scrambled!: Fangbone.** Fangbone struggles to understand his destiny written in the stars of the planetarium. (R)
- 8.10 Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls.** (R)
- 8.30 Scrambled!: Star Wars: The Yoda Chronicles.** The Senate gets information that Dooku's whole operation is on Mustafar, so Palpatine sends every Jedi there in the hope that he will ambush them. (R)
- 9.05 Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
- 9.25 ITV News.**
- 9.30 Saturday Morning with James Martin.** With guests Carol Kirkwood and Nathan Outlaw.
- 11.25 The Hungry Sailors.** The duo visit the Cornish parish of Feock. (R)
- 12.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 12.25 Midsomer Murders.** Barnaby is implicated in the murder of a photographer. (R)
- 2.25 The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
- 3.25 The X Factor.** Talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary. (R)
- 4.25 Little Big Shots.** Variety show featuring some of the world's most talented children. (R)
- 5.30 ITV News Central; Weather.**
- 5.40 ITV News and Weather.**
- 6.00 Cannonball.** Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of water-based, obstacle course challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup.
- 7.00 The Family Chase.** Bradley Walsh challenges the Ghandis from London to pit their general-knowledge know-how against that of the show's professional quizzers.
- 8.00 The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary hosts the final weekend of auditions, as judges Simon Cowell, Sharon Osbourne, Nicole Scherzinger and Louis Walsh appraise the talents of more would-be stars.
- 9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined in the studio by Hollywood comedy maestro Mel Brooks, Formula 1 champion Lewis Hamilton, comedian and social activist Russell Brand, and singer Paloma Faith.
- 10.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 10.35 FILM: Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (2000).** Bumbling scientist Sherman Klump tries to rid himself of his troublesome alter ego Buddy Love, but his experiment backfires. Comedy sequel, with Eddie Murphy.
- 12.30 Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.00 The Hungry Sailors.** (R)

## Channel 4

- 6.00 Triathlon: Ironman Wales.** Action from the ultra-triathlon staged in Pembrokeshire.
- 6.25 Mobil 1 The Grid.** Featuring an interview with Daniel Ricciardo.
- 6.55 Motor Sport: Caterham.** Action from Rockingham.
- 7.20 Motor Sport: British Rally Championship.** Action from the Ulster Rally.
- 7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R)
- 8.10 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R)
- 8.35 Frasier.** Niles competes against Frasier. (R)
- 9.05 Frasier.** Roz and Frasier share a room. (R)
- 9.35 The Big Bang Theory.** The gang gathers for Penny and Leonard's second wedding ceremony.
- 10.05 The Big Bang Theory.**
- 10.30 The Big Bang Theory.**
- 10.55 The Simpsons.** With the voice of Barry White. (R)
- 11.25 The Simpsons.** Marge is arrested for shoplifting. (R)
- 11.55 Come Dine with Me.** Hotel events manager Jo-Anne hosts the first party in Norwich. (R)
- 12.25 Come Dine with Me.** Multimedia manager Karena hosts the second night in Norwich. (R)
- 12.55 Come Dine with Me.** Former professional skier Jake hosts the third dinner party in Norwich. (R)
- 1.30 Come Dine with Me.** Music shop manager Barnaby hosts the fourth party in Norwich. (R)
- 2.00 Come Dine with Me.** The final dinner party in Norwich. (R)
- 2.30 Homes by the Sea.** Charlie Luxton visits high-spec properties in Dorset. (R)
- 3.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** A retired vet looks for a holiday home in Crete. (R)
- 4.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** Searching for a holiday home in Florida. (R)
- 5.35 Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allcott and Phil Spencer are house-hunting in and around Bristol. (R)
- 6.30 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson.** New series. The Time Team host tells the stories of more of Britain's ancient trackways, beginning with a route in Dartmoor that passes what was reputed to be a bottomless lake.
- 8.00 WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails.** Monty Hall reveals how British soldier Len Harley escaped from a POW camp in Nazi-occupied Italy, and eluded German forces as he crossed the Majella mountains in deep winter.
- 9.00 FILM: Cowboys & Aliens (2011).** Premiere. A mysterious stranger leads the people of a Wild-West town to fight back against an invasion from another world. Sci-fi Western, with Daniel Craig and Harrison Ford.
- 11.20 FILM: Survivor (2015).** A US embassy official based in London goes on the run after being framed for a terrorist bombing. Thriller, starring Milla Jovovich and Pierce Brosnan.
- 1.05 Speed with Guy Martin.** (R)
- 2.25 Hollyoaks.**
- 4.30 Location, Location, Location.** (R)
- 5.25 Too Many Cooks.** (R)
- 5.55 Last Man Standing.**

## Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat 6.10 Little Princess 6.25 The Mr Men Show 6.35 Milkshake! Monkey 6.40 Simon 6.45 Peppa Pig 6.50 Wissper 7.00 Paw Patrol 7.10 Bob the Builder 7.20 Fireman Sam 7.35 Oly the Little White Van 7.40 Paw Patrol 7.55 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.20 Noddy: Toyland Detective 8.35 Floogals 8.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 9.05 Shimmer and Shine 9.15 Digby Dragon 9.30 Peppa Pig 9.40 Peppa Pig 9.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**
- 10.05 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R)
- 10.40 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud.** (R)
- 11.00 Police Interceptors.** (R)
- 12.00 Police Interceptors.** Jim and the team spring a trap on suspected drug dealers. (R)
- 1.00 Police Interceptors.** A have-a-go hero helps to tackle a runaway drug driver. (R)
- 2.00 Police Interceptors.** Officers go in pursuit of a dangerous disqualified driver. (R)
- 3.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords.** A tenant who turned out to be a confidence trickster. (R)
- 4.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords.** Cases featured in previous episodes. (R)
- 5.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** Disputes between people whose houses border each another. (R)
- 6.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** A Preston couple who regretted retelling against their neighbours for playing loud music and how life in a Bournemouth retirement complex was threatened by an abusive new arrival. (R)
- 7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents in central London to try and recover almost £1,900 owed in parking fines, while officers Stewart and Vic chase over £2,200 owed by a scrap yard owner. (R)
- 8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Steve and Ben visit a tenant who owes £14,000 in unpaid rent, while Brian and Del chase a debt of over £10,000 owed to a van rental business for damaged vehicles. (R)
- 8.55 5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00 Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Derby County v Birmingham City, Sunderland v Cardiff City, and Aston Villa v Nottingham Forest.
- 10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Fleetwood Town v Southend United, and Colchester United v Wycombe Wanderers.
- 10.30 NCIS: Los Angeles Movie - Race Again.** The team searches for a black book containing top-secret information, which has been stolen from the personal effects of a murdered antiques dealer.
- 12.15 SuperCasino.**
- 3.10 Gotham.**
- 4.00 Gotham.** (R)
- 4.50 Divine Designs.** (R)
- 5.15 Wildlife SOS.** (R)
- 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes.** (R)



# September 24



**Countryfile**  
7pm  
Shepherds from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales gather at Hampstead Heath for Countryfile's 2017 One Man and His Dog contest, presented by Matt Baker and Charlotte Smith.



**Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?**  
8pm  
The last remaining candidates are put through a series of challenges to determine who will be chosen for a spacewalk training session.



**Victoria**  
9pm  
The young monarch hopes to avert the formation of a dangerous new alliance between France and Spain by visiting the court of her Gallic counterpart, King Louis Philippe.



**Egypt's Great Pyramid: The New Evidence**  
8pm  
How a discovery made at the foot of Egypt's Great Pyramid might explain the role ships and water played in the construction of the ancient monuments.



**Cricket on 5**  
7pm  
England v West Indies. Featuring action from the third one-day international in the five-match series, which took place at The Brightside Ground in Bristol.

## BBC1

- 6.00 **Breakfast.**
- 7.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including West Ham United v Tottenham Hotspur and Southampton v Manchester United. (R)
- 9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
- 10.00 **Sunday Morning Live.** Sean Fletcher and Emma Barnett present topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
- 11.00 **Sunday Politics West Midlands.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Sarah Smith. Including a regional round-up.
- 12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Two teams in compete Cardiff. (R)
- 1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
- 1.15 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Martin Roberts, Lucy Alexander and Dion Dublin explore properties about to be auctioned in Wigton in Cumbria, Ealing, west London and Biscovey in Cornwall. (R)
- 2.15 **Money for Nothing.** Items reclaimed from a recycling centre in Witley, Surrey. (R)
- 3.00 **Escape to the Country.** A couple from London hope to make their first joint property purchase in Cornwall. (R)
- 3.45 **Points of View.** Viewers' comments.
- 4.00 **Songs of Praise.** The rich Christian heritage of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show.
- 4.35 **How to Stay Young.** A woman discovers how building muscle will make her body stronger and protect her against illness, and a man who eats when he is stressed sees the damage this has done to his body. (R)
- 5.35 **Invictus Games 2017.**
- 6.35 **BBC News.**
- 6.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 7.00 **Countryfile.** Shepherds from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales gather at Hampstead Heath for Countryfile's 2017 One Man and His Dog contest, presented by Matt Baker and Charlotte Smith.
- 8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** New series. The programme embarks on its 40th anniversary tour by paying a visit to the stately home of Castle Howard, near York. Presented by Fiona Bruce.
- 9.00 **The Child in Time.** Drama, starring Benedict Cumberbatch, telling the story of a couple whose marriage is torn apart by the loss of a child. Based on Ian McEwan's Whitbread Prize-winning novel.
- 10.30 **BBC News.**
- 10.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 11.00 **Have I Got Old News for You.** Mel Giedroyc hosts this edition of the comedy news quiz from May 2013, with regulars Paul Merton and Ian Hislop joined by guest panellists Ross Noble and the Rev Richard Coles. (R)
- 11.30 **The Women's Football Show.** A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.
- 12.10 **NFL Highlights – Jacksonville Jaguars v Baltimore Ravens.** Caroline Barker presents highlights of the match from the third round of fixtures.
- 1.10 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 1.15 **BBC News.**

## BBC2

- 6.05 **Great British Garden Revival.** Daffodils and blossoming trees and shrubs. (R)
- 7.05 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don plants bulbs to brighten the dark winter days ahead. (R)
- 8.05 **The Beechgrove Garden.** Jim McCall, Carole Baxter and George Anderson trim the hedges.
- 8.35 **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison celebrates the Lake District becoming a World Heritage Site. (R)
- 9.30 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites – Sunday Edition.** Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from previous years in the kitchen.
- 11.00 **Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking.** Quick and simple recipes. (R)
- 11.30 **My Life on a Plate.** Nicholas Parsons revisits his childhood in Hampstead Heath. (R)
- 12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** Will Perry presents football discussion.
- 1.00 **Cycling: Road World Championships.** Jill Douglas presents live coverage of the men's elite road race at the UCI Road World Championships in Bergen, Norway.
- 4.30 **The Wonder of Animals.** The anatomy and physiology of the elephant. (R)
- 5.00 **Flog It!** Making a profit at auction. (R)
- 6.00 **Tribes, Predators & Me.** How the people of Ethiopia manage to live alongside hyenas, powerful carnivores that can weigh up to 14 stone and are capable of killing lions in packs. Last in the series. (R)
- 7.00 **Top Gear.** Matt LeBlanc and Chris Harris go on a road trip across the US in convertible supercars. Back at the test track, David Tennant is the Star in a Reasonably Fast Car. (R)
- 8.00 **Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?** The last remaining candidates are put through a series of challenges to determine who will be chosen for a spacewalk training session at Florida's Kennedy Space Centre.
- 9.00 **Dragons' Den.** The panel considers the profit-making potential of a space age business venture, an African-inspired range of skincare products, and an online pub quiz app.
- 10.00 **Live at the Apollo.** Glaswegian comedian Frankie Boyle takes to the stage at London's Hammersmith Apollo, and introduces rising stars Jack Carroll and Holly Walsh. (R)
- 10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Brighton & Hove Albion v Newcastle United at the AMEX Stadium.
- 11.15 **FILM: Boyz n the Hood (1991).** A teenager growing up in South Central Los Angeles with a domineering single father struggles to resist the temptations of crime. Drama, with Cuba Gooding Jr and Laurence Fishburne.
- 1.00 **Sign Zone: Question Time.** David Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Bridgwater in Somerset. (R)
- 2.00 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** It is the day of Oliver and Zosia's wedding, and as family and friends gather, the arrival of a particular guest threatens to ruin their happy day. (R)
- 3.00 **This is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

## ITV

- 6.00 **CITV: Sooty** 6.10 **Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids** 6.35 **Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures** 6.45 **Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures** 7.00 **Mission Employable** 7.05 **Oddbods** 7.10 **Oddbods** 7.20 **Super 4**
- 7.30 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
- 7.35 **Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
- 7.50 **Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** The hapless halfwit finds a treasure map. (R)
- 8.10 **Scrambled!: Ben 10.** The youngster fights more colourful foes. (R)
- 8.30 **Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!** Adventures with the Scooby gang. (R)
- 9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
- 9.25 **ITV News.**
- 9.30 **James Martin's French Adventure.** The chef visits the capital city of France. (R)
- 10.00 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine.
- 11.00 **Amazing Animal Births.** The bond between animals and their newborns. (R)
- 11.30 **Robson Green's Coastal Lives.** The presenter meets locals on the island of Anglesey. (R)
- 12.00 **Bigheads.** Jason Manford hosts the comedy game show. (R)
- 1.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 1.10 **The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
- 2.10 **The X Factor.** The auditions phase draws close to its conclusion. (R)
- 3.25 **FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010).** Fantasy comedy, starring Emma Thompson.
- 5.35 **Victoria.** Albert learns a terrible family secret. (R)
- 6.35 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
- 6.40 **ITV News and Weather.**
- 7.00 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Matt Le Tissier, Andrea McLean and Steve Pemberton brush up their general knowledge and sharpen their nerves to take part in the arcade-inspired quiz show.
- 8.00 **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary presents the final selection of room auditions, as Sharon Osbourne, Nicole Scherzinger, Louis Walsh and Simon Cowell reach the last stop on their talent-hunt.
- 9.00 **Victoria.** The young monarch hopes to avert the formation of a dangerous new alliance between France and Spain by visiting the court of her Gallic counterpart, King Louis Philippe.
- 10.05 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 10.20 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, featuring reports on the latest issues and interviews with topical guests. (R)
- 11.20 **Liar.** Laura's online attack on Andrew yields unexpected consequences as a figure from her past returns to haunt her, potentially jeopardising the case. (R)
- 12.15 **Jackpot247.** Interactive gaming.
- 3.00 **Motorsport UK.**
- 3.50 **British Superbike Championship Highlights.**
- 4.40 **ITV Nightscreen.**
- 5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)

## Channel 4

- 6.20 **Last Man Standing.** Mike steals the limelight from Vanessa.
- 6.45 **Last Man Standing.** Kristin and Kyle make a big decision.
- 7.10 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Frank hears a eulogy about himself. (R)
- 7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray enjoys a steam bath with Frank. (R)
- 8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert jets off to Las Vegas. (R)
- 8.30 **Frasier.** The shrink lands a job as guest host on a TV show. (R)
- 9.00 **Frasier.** Niles makes a discovery about Maris. (R)
- 9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Gok Wan, Seann Walsh and Kerry Godliman.
- 12.30 **The Simpsons.** Homer becomes a firefighter. (R)
- 1.00 **The Simpsons.** Bart costs the Isotots baseball team the championship. (R)
- 1.30 **FILM: Hulk (2003).** Comic-book adventure, starring Eric Bana.
- 4.10 **The Crystal Maze.** Five disproportionately excitable young women tackle the Maze. (R)
- 5.10 **The Great British Bake Off.** Nine remaining contestants tackle the show's first caramel week. (R)
- 6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 **Escape to the Chateau.** New series. Dick and Angel Strawbridge continue renovation work on their £280,000 chateau in France, and despite two-and-a-half years of attention, lots of problems remain.
- 8.00 **Egypt's Great Pyramid: The New Evidence.** Documentary shedding light on how a discovery made at the foot of Egypt's Great Pyramid might explain the role ships and water played in the construction of these ancient monuments.
- 9.00 **Electric Dreams: Impossible Planet.** The sci-fi anthology series continues as an intergalactic tour guide receives an intriguing proposition from an ancient passenger keen to find humanity's long-dead home-world.
- 10.05 **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz, with Jon Richardson and Cariad Lloyd taking on guest captain Alan Carr and Kevin Bridges. (R)
- 11.05 **FILM: The Grand Budapest Hotel (2014).** A lobby boy in a 1930s hotel is drawn into the misadventures of the establishment's dashing concierge. Wes Anderson's comedy drama, with Ralph Fiennes and Tony Revolori.
- 1.00 **The Supervet.** Noel Fitzpatrick tends to a Newfoundland and a Yorkshire terrier. (R)
- 1.55 **Location, Location, Location.** House-hunting in Kent and East Sussex. (R)
- 2.50 **Grand Designs Australia.** Peter Maddison meets Nick and Nicole New from Queensland.
- 3.45 **Gillette World Sport.** Including action from the Superbike World Championship.
- 4.15 **KOTV Boxing Weekly.**
- 4.40 **Mobil 1 The Grid.** Featuring an interview with Daniel Ricciardo. (R)
- 5.10 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** (R)
- 5.30 **Four in a Bed.** The competition begins at Langmeade House in Thame, Oxfordshire. (R)

## Channel 5

- 6.00 **Milkshake!:** Poppy Cat 6.10 **Little Princess** 6.25 **Mr Men** 6.35 **Milkshake! Monkey** 6.40 **Milkshake! Bopping** About 6.45 **Simon** 6.50 **Peppa Pig** 6.55 **Wissper** 7.05 **Paw Patrol** 7.15 **Bob the Builder** 7.30 **Fireman Sam** 7.40 **Ollie the Little White Van** 7.50 **Paw Patrol** 8.10 **Blaze and the Monster Machines** 8.35 **Noddy: Toyland Detective** 8.50 **Floogals** 9.00 **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom** 9.15 **Shimmer and Shine** 9.30 **Digby Dragon** 9.45 **Peppa Pig** 9.55 **Peppa Pig**
- 10.05 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The Fugitoid reveals his terrible secret. (R)
- 10.40 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games. (R)
- 11.30 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** All the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (R)
- 12.00 **Police Interceptors.** The interceptors go in hot pursuit of tearaway teens and reckless youths. (R)
- 1.00 **FILM: Annie (2014).** Musical remake, starring Quvenzhané Wallis and Jamie Foxx.
- 3.15 **Worst Weather Ever?** Documentary examining the current state of extreme climatic events. (R)
- 4.10 **Inside the Mega Twister.** Examining one of the largest tornadoes ever recorded. (R)
- 5.10 **Killer Landslides.** Investigating some of the biggest land slips ever recorded. (R)
- 6.10 **Sinkholes: Buried Alive.** The underlying forces behind sinkholes, which can occur gradually – when the surface subsides into bowl-shaped depressions – or suddenly, when the ground gives away. (R)
- 7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v West Indies. Action from the third one-day international in the five-match series, which took place at The Brightside Ground in Bristol.
- 8.00 **Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights.** Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the fourth round of matches, including Bath v Newcastle Falcons, Saracens v Sale Sharks, and Exeter Chiefs v Wasps.
- 8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00 **FILM: Olympus Has Fallen (2013).** A disgraced secret service agent tries to redeem himself when terrorists take control of the White House. Action thriller, starring Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart and Morgan Freeman.
- 10.05 **5 News Update.**
- 10.10 **FILM: Olympus Has Fallen (2013).** A disgraced secret service agent tries to redeem himself when terrorists take control of the White House. Action thriller, starring Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart and Morgan Freeman.
- 11.15 **FILM: Enter the Dragon (1973).** A former Shaolin monk recruited as a secret agent enters a kung fu contest in a bid to expose a drug ring. Martial arts thriller, starring Bruce Lee, John Saxon and Jim Kelly.
- 1.15 **SuperCasino.**
- 3.10 **Gotham.** (R)
- 4.00 **My Mum's Hotter Than Me!** (R)
- 4.50 **Divine Designs.** (R)
- 5.20 **Wildlife SOS.** (R)
- 5.45 **Chinese Food in Minutes.** (R)



# Local Specialists

## FOCUS ON...

**Matheson & Brown** is a well-established, family run double glazing installation and repair business based in Wellington, Shropshire. With over 15 years' experience we supply, install and repair windows, doors and conservatories throughout Shropshire. Our speciality is repairs and we always stand by our policy of 'repair where appropriate'. We can provide new installations as required. Our reputation has been built on quality and reliability. No sales team will call, just our friendly assessors, who will advise and recommend solutions to your problem. Whether it is upgraded double glazing, a new conservatory or broken window repairs you can rest assured that we will complete the job to the highest standards. Above all we have the knowledge, expertise and experience to complete your double glazing project quickly and efficiently.

### WHY CHOOSE MATHESON & BROWN?

- Over 15 years' experience
- Family run business
- Double glazing experts
- Installation and repairs
- Wide range of products available
- Domestic and commercial
- Free quotes
- No sales people
- Guaranteed parts and labour
- Friendly, personal service
- After care service
- Competitive prices
- Door locks (please see Ulfion video)

We cover Shropshire and the surrounding areas.  
07539 216 615 0800 956 2453  
[www.mathesonandbrown.co.uk](http://www.mathesonandbrown.co.uk)



## P & G VEHICLE REPAIRS

Cargotec Industrial Park, Elson, Ellesmere SY12 9JW

TYRES EXHAUSTS BATTERIES  
DIAGNOSTICS  
SERVICING  
REPAIRS  
MOT

AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE FROM £40

01691 622849

[www.pandgvehiclerepairs.co.uk](http://www.pandgvehiclerepairs.co.uk)

### Property Renovation

### Complete Property Renovations

Call Steve now for a FREE no obligation quote  
01691 680443 /  
07970 357619 /  
[cprchester.com](http://cprchester.com)

- Bathrooms, Kitchens, Plastering, Electrical Plumbing & Tiling
- From design to installation we do it all (big or small!!!)
- Fully insured with over 30 years experience

NO VAT

### Furniture Repairs

**Upholstery and Repairs**  
Specialist Service for all  
Antique, Traditional and  
Modern Furniture  
Call John for friendly professional  
advice on how I can make your worn  
out furniture look like new again.  
Furniture Medic Shrewsbury | Tel: 01952 511942

### Driveways & Patios

**Wyevale Property Care**  
Driveway Services:  
• Tarmac • Resin driveways  
• Block Paving  
• Artificial Grass  
• Fencing  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
FOR MORE INFO:  
[www.wyevaleproperty.com](http://www.wyevaleproperty.com)  
PHONE: 01691 575456  
FREE PHONE: 0800 612 1072  
EMAIL: [info@wyevaleproperty.com](mailto:info@wyevaleproperty.com)  
SY10 8EL.

## OSWESTRY CABS

Why pay more for door to door  
**Locals - Long Distance**  
**Airports - Contracts**

**01691 661663**

### Airport Shuttle Service Single journey to or from Oswestry

	Taxi Estate Car 4 Seats	Minibus 5 to 8 passengers
Manchester	£59.00	£82.00
Liverpool	£59.00	£82.00
Birmingham	£82.00	£110.00
Shrewsbury	£50.00	£60.00
Wrexham	£45.00	£54.00

Night Out Returns  
Taxi has 4 seats to 4 passengers

**Shropshire STAR**  
**LANDSCAPE GARDENERS!**  
**CLAIM YOUR FREE ADVERT**  
(T&Cs Apply)

Call Amy Ward 01952 288813  
[award@shropshirestar.co.uk](mailto:award@shropshirestar.co.uk)

# OSWESTRY & BORDER CHRONICLE RECRUITMENT



A Registered charity 1090445

### The Help @ Home Scheme

Are you interested in supporting older people at home?  
Do you have the skills to provide a quality domestic or gardening service?  
If so contact us on 01743 233788 for an Application Form

We are looking for casual part time  
**Home Support Workers**  
throughout Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

No personal care is involved and we require a minimum commitment of 10 hours per week. The hourly rate is at present £7.50 plus an enhancement for mileage travel and holidays.

A driving licence and your own transport are preferred.

Interviews will be held the week commencing 16th of October 2017  
Induction training will be held on 31st October and 2nd November 2017.

Successful applicants must be available for both days.

Post subject to Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Closing date 12.00 noon Friday 13th October 2017.

We are an Equal Opportunities Employer and welcome applications from minority groups who are currently underrepresented in our workforce.



## TANAT VALLEY COACHES

Job Vacancy for a

**Commercial Mechanic**

and/or

**Apprentice Mechanic**

Required to carry out Inspections, Servicing and Maintenance work.  
Knowledge of PCV vehicles an advantage but training available for the right applicant.

Rates of pay dependant on experience.

Located: 12 miles West of Oswestry

16 miles North-West of Welshpool

For further information call Brian Dulton on 01691 780241  
or email [brian.dulton@tanat.co.uk](mailto:brian.dulton@tanat.co.uk)

Tanat Valley Coaches, The Garage, Llanrhaeadr ym  
Mochnant, Oswestry, SY10 0AD

# EXCLUSIVE 50% OFF VIDEO OFFERS

VIDEO ADVERT ~~was £699\*~~ now £349  
CORPORATE VIDEO ~~was £799\*~~ now £399

**Call 01902 319730**  
**quote 'offer50'**  
**to receive saving**

# MNA DIGITAL

[www.mnadigital.co.uk/video-advertising](http://www.mnadigital.co.uk/video-advertising)



# KC JONES CAR SALES

Oswald Road, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 1RB

**Tel: 01691 238987**

**Web: kcjonescarsales.co.uk OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**



**2015 15 CITROEN C4 PICASSO EXCLUSIVE 1.6 HDi,**  
manual, Metallic Silver, 14,000 miles, FSH  
**£10,999**



**2014 64 TOYOTA YARIS HYBRID AUTOMATIC** 5 Door, Excel, Sat Nav, Bluetooth, Top Spec, £0 Road Tax, 18,000 miles  
**£10,499**



**2006 06 FORD FUSION + 1.6 TDCi,**  
Metallic Blue, 62,000 miles, FSH  
**£2,999**



**2015 64 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTi,** Tech Line, 2wd, manual, 1 lady owner, white, 29,000 miles, sat nav, FSH  
**£10,499**



**2015 15 VAUXHALL ADAM 1.2 3 DOOR,** Bright Yellow With Black Roof & Alloys, 12,600 Miles  
**£8,499**



**2010 10 MAZDA 3 TS D,** manual, Metallic Blue, 5 Door, 72,000 miles  
**£3,999**



**2010 60 LANDROVER DISCOVERY 3.0 TDV6 XS AUTOMATIC** 7 Seater, Metallic Black, Black Leather, Sat Nav, Only 49,000 miles, FSH  
**£21,499**



**2014 14 VOLVO XC90 DS ES Auto,** Metallic Grey, 93,000 miles, FSH, 1 owner, leather heated seats  
**£14,999**



**2012 62 HYUNDAI i30 1.7 CRDi ACTIVE MANUAL** 5 Door, £0 Road Tax, 2 Owners, White, 32,000 miles  
**£6,999**



**2016 16 SUZUKI VITARA 1.6 SZT,** urban pack, 1 owner, beige metallic, black roof, sat nav, 27,000 miles, FSH  
**£12,999**



**2015 64 MINI COOPER D hatchback,** 5 Door, manual, Orange, Leather, 1 Owner, 36,000 miles  
**£10,999**



**2012 12 NISSAN QASHQAI N-TEC+ 1.6 DCi,** Manual, metallic Black, Pan Roof, 360 Camera, Sat Nav, 59,000 miles FSH  
**£9,499**



**2010 60 VW TOURAN 1.6 TDi SE,** Manual 7 Seater, Metallic Grey, 79,000 miles, FSH  
**£7,999**



**2010 10 CITROEN C3 PICASSO EXCLUSIVE** 1.6 HDi, Metallic Yellow, FSH, 55,000 miles  
**£4,999**

2013 13	AUDI Q5 S-LINE PLUS 2.0 TDI QUATTRO AUTO, Grey Metallic with Nappa Leather, 68,000 Miles, Full Spec.....	£21,499
2013 13	AUDI A5 S 2.0TDi S-LINE QUATTRO COUPE Brilliant Red with Black Leather, 6 Speed Manual, 25,000 Miles, FSH.....	<b>SOLD</b>
2010 60	BMW 520d SE AUTOMATIC, Metallic Black, 33,000 miles FSH .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2011 11	BMW 320d M-SPORT MANUAL, Metallic Blue, 66,000 Miles, FSH, .....	£8,999
2011 10	BMW 318d M-SPORT ESTATE, Manual, Metallic Blue, 47,000 miles, FSH.....	£9,999
2010 10	BMW 318D 2.0 M-SPORT 4 Door Saloon, Blue Metallic, 17" Double Spoke Alloy Wheels, 63,000 miles, £30 Road Tax.....	£7,999
2009 09	BMW X5 M-SPORT 3.0 Diesel AUTO, Metallic Black, Leather, Sat Nav, 50,000 miles, FSH .....	£17,999
2007 07	BMW X3 2.0d SE Manual, Metallic Black, Black Leather, 91,000 miles, FSH .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2010 10	CITROEN C3 PICASSO EXCLUSIVE 1.6 HDi, Metallic Yellow, FSH, 55,000 miles .....	£4,999
2010 10	CITROEN C3 PICASSO 1.6 HDi EXCLUSIVE, metallic Yellow, 55,000 miles .....	£4,999
2015 15	CITROEN C4 PICASSO EXCLUSIVE 1.6 HDi, manual, Metallic Silver, 14,000 miles, FSH .....	£10,999
2014 14	CITROEN DS3 1.2 DESIGN 3 Door, Red with Black Roof & Wheels, 15,600 Miles £20 Road Tax .....	£7,999
2014 14	FIAT 500L TREKKING 1.6 DIESEL, Yellow, One Owner, 10,500 Miles, FSH .....	£8,499
2012 63	FORD FIESTA STUDIO 1.4 TDCi 5 DOOR, Silver Metallic, 59,000 Miles, £20 Road Tax, .....	£4,999
2006 06	FORD FUSION + 1.6 TDCi, Metallic Blue, 62,000 miles, FSH .....	£2,999
2014 14	FORD FOCUS ZETEC 1.6 TDCi 5 Door, Manual, Bright Red, 1 Owner, FSH.....	£7,499
2012 12	FORD MONDEO 1.6 TDI EDGE 5-door Hatch Manual. Metallic Silver, 49,000 miles, FSH .....	£6,499
2013 63	HYUNDAI i10 1.2 ACTIVE, 5 Door, Metallic Black, 26,000 miles .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2012 62	HYUNDAI i30 1.7 CRDi ACTIVE MANUAL 5 Door, £0 Road Tax, 2 Owners, White, 32,000 miles .....	£6,999
2011 11	JAGUAR XF 50 V8 S PREMIUM. Luxury Auto, Metallic Black, Leather, 93,000 miles, Full Jaguar Service History.....	£12,999
2010 60	LANDROVER DISCOVERY 3.0 TDV6 XS AUTOMATIC 7 Seater, Metallic Black, Black Leather, Sat Nav, Only 49,000 miles, FSH .....	£21,499
2010 10	MAZDA 3 TS D, manual, Metallic Blue, 5 Door, 72,000 miles .....	£3,999
2003 03	MERCEDES ML270 CDI AUTOMATIC, Metallic Gold, 68,000 miles .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2013 63	MERCEDES C220 CDI EXECUTIVE ESTATE, Red, Leather, Sat Nav, Sun Roof, 1 owner, 54,000 miles FSH .....	£11,999
2014 64	MINI COOPER D hatchback, 5 Door, manual, Orange, Leather, 1 Owner, 36,000 miles .....	£10,999
2012 12	NISSAN QASHQAI N-TEC+ 1.6 DCi, Manual, metallic Black, Pan Roof, 360 Camera, Sat Nav, 59,000 miles FSH .....	£9,499
2014 14	NISSAN NOTE ACENTA 1.5 DCi 5 DOOR, Red, One Owner, 26,500 Miles, FSH, Zero Road Tax .....	£6,999
2014 14	SUZUKI S CROSS 1.6 Manual, Metallic Blue, 30,000 miles, 1 Owner, FSH .....	£7,799
2017 17	SUZUKI SWIFT S2L 1.2 5 DOOR, Red with Black Alloys, Sat Nav, BRAND NEW - DELIVERY MILEAGE .....	£11,499
2012 62	TOYOTA Hi LUX INVINCIBLE 3.0 DIESEL 4x4 DOUBLE CAB PICK UP, Silver Metallic, 38,400 Miles .....	£14,999 + VAT
2015 15	TOYOTA AYGO 1.0 X VVTi 5 DOOR Bright Red, 15,900 Miles, One Owner, FSH, Zero Road Tax.....	£6,299
2015 65	VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.4 TURBO AUTO, Metallic Red, 7,000 miles, FSH .....	<b>SOLD</b>
2014 64	VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTi SRi NAV, Hatch Back, Metalic Silver, 24,000 miles, 1 Owner, FSH.....	£10,499
2015 15	VAUXHALL ADAM 1.2 3 DOOR, Bright Yellow With Black Roof & Alloys, 12,600 Miles.....	£8,499
2010 60	VW TOURAN 1.6 TDi SE, Manual 7 Seater, Metallic Grey, 79,000 miles, FSH.....	£7,999

## CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH!

We will buy your vehicle. Call or phone for a free valuation • All vehicles subject to a HPI check



# Welsh Walls Car Sales

Part of E M Hughes Auto Centre

www.welshwallscarsales.co.uk

62	FORD FOCUS TITANIUM ECONETIC TDCI, BLACK, FULL SERVICE HIST. £0 ROAD TAX 40K.....	£7,995
12	SKODA OCTAVIA TDI SE 2.0L 6 SPEED, BEIGE, ALLOY WHEELS, SAT. NAV., PARKING SENSORS, SERVICE HISTORY, ONE OWNER 47K£7,995	
13	CITROEN DS3 1.6 HDI, AIRDREAM D STYLE PLUS WHITE WITH BLACK ROOF, CLIMATE CONTROL, CRUISE CONTROL, F.S.H, £0 ROAD TAX.....	<b>SOLD</b>
62	HYUNDAI I30 TOURER EST. 1.7 CRDI, GREY, SERVICE HISTORY, £20 ROAD TAX 35K.....	£6,995
62	KIA SOUL 2 CRDI, SILVER, SERVICE HISTORY 32K.....	£6,695
63	HYUNDAI I10E, GREY, SERVICE HISTORY, ONE OWNER, £30 ROAD TAX 6K.....	£6,195
61	CITROEN C4 VTR+HDI 91, BLUE, £20 ROAD TAX 49K.....	£5,495
60	CITROEN C3 PICASSO 1.6 HDI EXCLUSIVE, MET. GREEN SERV. HISTORY £30 ROAD TAX 53K.....	£5,125
12	SUZUKI SPLASH SZ4, BLUE, FULL SERVICE HISTORY, ONE OWNER, £30 ROAD TAX.....	<b>SOLD</b>
09	FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 1.6 5 DOOR, SILVER, SERVICE HISTORY, ONE OWNER 53K.....	£5,184
61	FIAT 500 LOUNGE, BLUE, FULL SERVICE HISTORY £30 ROAD TAX 35K.....	£4,999
58	MINI COOPER S, BLUE, SERVICE HISTORY 68K.....	£4,995
10	VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 SRI 5 DOOR, SILVER, FULL SERVICE HISTORY 58K.....	£4,995
12	SKODA FABIA SE 12V, BLACK, ALLOY, WHEELS, AIR CON., SERVICE HISTORY 39K.....	£4,995
12	NISSAN MICRA ASENTA 1.2, 5 DOOR, MET. RED, FULL SERVICE HISTORY, £30 ROAD TAX 42K.....	£4,795
10	CITROEN C3 EXCLUSIVE HDI, BLACK, ALLOY WHEELS, CLIMATE CONTROL, CRUISE CONTROL, £20 ROAD TAX, 52K.....	£4,695
07	AUDI A3 TDI 170bhp, SILVER CLIMATE CONTROL, ALLOY WHEELS, S.H. NEW CAMBELT, DUAL MASS AND CLUTCH KIT FITTED AND SERVICED 76K.....	£4,495
60	FORD FIESTA EDGE 3 DOOR HATCHBACK, BRIGHT RED, AIR CON., SERVICE HISTORY 29K.....	£4,495
10	FORD FIESTA EDGE 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, SILVER, AIR CON., SERVICE HISTORY 63K£4,295	
60	FORD FOCUS ZETEC, BLUE, SERVICE HISTORY 75K.....	£3,795
11	RENAULT CLIO DYNAMIQUE TOMTOM 16V, GREY, AIR CON., ALLOY WHEELS, SERVICE HISTORY 46K.....	£3,795
08	TOYOTA YARIS TR, SILVER, ONE OWNER, SERVICE HISTORY 68K.....	£3,495
59	SKODA FABIA 5 DOOR, LIGHT GREEN MET., AIR CON., ALLOY WHEELS, SERVICE HIST.....	<b>SOLD</b>
07	RENAULT CLIO EXTREME, 3 DOOR, SILVER, SERVICE HISTORY 32K.....	£2,795
06	TOYOTA AYGO SPORT, 3 DOOR, LIGHT MET. BLUE, ALLOY WHEELS, ONE OWNER, £20 ROAD TAX.....	<b>SOLD</b>

COMMERCIALS PLUS VAT		
65	V/W TRANSPORTER 2.0 TDI, WHITE, SIDE DOOR, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, ONE OWNER 4K.....	£13,495
13	FORD TRANSIT TIPPER CREW CAB, WHITE, ELECT.WINDOWS, REVERSING CAMERA, BUILT IN SCALES, SERVICE HISTORY 41K.....	£10,995
13	TOYOTA HILUX HL2 D-4D 4X4 DCB, WHITE, ONE, OWNER, SERVICE HISTORY 58K.....	£10,995
64	PEUGEOT EXPERT HDI, WHITE, TWIN SIDE DOORS, AIR CON., SHELVING IN REAR 40K.....	£7,995
13	FORD TRANSIT SWB T280 100 bhp, 6 SPEED, SIDE DOOR, WHITE, SERVICE HISTORY 45K.....	£7,495
14	FORD TRANSIT T350 LWB, WHITE, HIGH TOP 125BHP, 6 SPEED, ELEC. WINDOWS, SERVICE HISTORY.....	<b>SOLD</b>
15	CITROEN BERLINGO 625 ENTERPRISE, 3 SEATER, WHITE, AIR CONDITIONING WINDOWS, SIDE DOOR, REAR PARKING SENSORS 19K.....	£7,295
15	CITROEN BERLINGO, WHITE, 3 SEATS, SIDE DOOR, AIR CON., PARKING SENSORS, SERVICE HISTORY 38K.....	£6,995
62	FORD TRANSIT 125BHP SWB, 6 SPEED, WHITE, SERVICE HISTORY, ROOF RACK 52K.....	£6,995
60	VAUXHALL VIVARO 2900 CDTI LWB, BLUE, AIR CON., ELEC. WINDOWS, FULL RACKING AND SHELVING, SERVICE HISTORY 49K.....	£6,995
61	FORD TRANSIT 280 SWB SEMI HIGH TOP, WHITE, ONE OWNER, AIR CON., PARKING SENSORS, ELEC. WINDOWS, RACKING/SHELVING IN REAR, FULL SERVICE HISTORY, SENSORS, ELEC. WINDOWS, RACKING/SHELVING IN REAR, FULL SERVICE HISTORY 48K.....	£6,495
11	VW CADDY MAXI C20 LWB TDI 102bhp, BLUE, ELEC. WINDOWS, AIR CON., REMOTE CENTRAL LOCKING, DIRECT FROM BRITISH GAS, SERVICE HISTORY 70K.....	£5,695
14	RENAULT KANGOO ML 19 EXTRA DCI 90 WHITE, AIR CON., REAR PARKING SENSORS, SAT. NAV. 37K.....	£5,650
63	PEUGEOT PARTNER PROFESSIONAL 1.6 HDI, 3 SEATER, WHITE, SIDE DOOR, AIR CON, ONE OWNER 54K.....	£5,495
62	VW CADDY C20 PLUS Tdi, WHITE, SIDE DOOR, SERVICE HISTORY 61K.....	£5,495
14	FIAT DOBLO CARGO 1.3 JTD 90 BHP, WHITE, SIDE DOOR, ELECTRIC WINDOWS 59K.....	£4,495
61	2012 VAUX. ASTRA VAN CLUB ECOFLEX 1.7 CDTI, WHITE, 6 SPEED, SERV. HIST. 78K.....	£3,995
62	PEUGEOT BIPPER S 1.3 HDI, BLUE, SIDE DOOR, ONE OWNER 60K.....	£3,695

MOTOR BIKES		
NEW RIEJU RS3 125 LC NKD, PRE REGISTERED, INCLUDES FIRST REG. FEE AND ROAD TAX, PRE-REGISTERED DISCOUNT OF £175.....		
		NEW £2,996
NEW KYMCO SUPER 8 50cc, PRE REGISTERED, INCLUDES FIRST REG. FEE AND ROAD TAX, PRE-REGISTERED DISCOUNT OF £175.....		
		NEW £1,496

**PART EX AND FINANCE AVAILABLE SUBJECT TO STATUS. WE BUY CARS & VANS FOR CASH**

Welsh Walls, Oswestry SY11 1AW Tel: 01691 655123/07989 612871

## CHIRK SERVICE STATION

joins "Trust My Garage"

"..we strive to get it right first time, every time"

### Multi Make MOT & Repair Centre

- ✓ Full Diagnostics
- ✓ Air Conditioning Service
- ✓ Body Repair Centre
- ✓ All Insurance Work Guaranteed
- ✓ Free Estimates
- ✓ \*Free courtesy car collection and delivery

### 15 MONTHS WARRANTY ON SELECTED VEHICLES

JAGUAR SELECTION	
04 JAGUAR X TYPE 2.5 AUTO AWD, Blue metallic.....	£2450
52 JAGUAR S TYPE AUTO Leather, Low Miles.....	£3995
V JAGUAR XK8 Low Mileage, Silver, MUST BE SEEN.....	EPOA

CAR OF THE WEEK	
57 FORD FUSION TDCI, DIESEL, lots of money spent, proper car.....	£1,995
64 CITROEN DS3 STYLE Plus HDI Convertible, Deep Plum Metallic, Alloys, Low Mileage must be seen.....	£6795 £6495
11 FORD FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC Black.....	<b>SOLD</b>
06 VW JETTA SE TDI 140, Black Service History.....	£3795 £3295
07 BMW 116 ISE 77k, Service History.....	<b>SOLD</b>
06 BMW X3 2.0 DIESEL Black.....	£4995
61 VAUXHALL CORSA EXCITE 1.2 Red, lady owner Only.....	£3995
60 VAUXHALL CORSA Ecoflex Silver, 35k.....	£3995 £3395
59 CITROEN C3 AIRDREAM + HDI Diesel, Cheap Road Tax.....	<b>SOLD</b>
58 CITROEN C3 RHYTHM 1.4 HDI Diesel, Black.....	£2195
58 BMW 118 SE Diesel, Grey Metallic.....	£5595 £4995
56 TOYOTA YARIS SPIRIT 1.3, Silver, Beautiful Condition, MP3 Player.....	£1775 £2875
56 VAUXHALL VECTRA Exclusive 1.8 Red Metallic.....	£2895
06 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA Active 1.6, low mileage, beautiful car.....	<b>SOLD</b>
54 FORD FIESTA FLAME 5-dr, Silver.....	£2495

**Discount Tyres**  
**High Performance**  
**& 4x4 Specialists**  
**Largest Stock of**  
**Tyres in the area**

### SPECIAL OFFERS

**MOT**  
**£35**

**MOT & Interim Service**  
**from £45**  
**+ VAT & Parts \***

**MOT & Oil**  
**Service**  
**from £55\***

**FREE DIAGNOSTIC CHECK**  
on all vehicles if you purchase any item or MOT/Service

\* Conditions Apply

## CHIRK SERVICE STATION

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Tel: 01691 773428 or 07879 494480

Holyhead Road, Chirk LL14 5NA

## MOTORING

AVAILABLE FROM  
**furrows**  
TELFORD: 01952951422  
OSWESTRY: 01691880495  
SHREWSBURY: 01743297698



A limited production run of 500 units has been planned from late October to December

# Focus RS is limited edition

If you would like to be the owner of this limited edition Focus RS contact Furrows FordStore today to reserve yours, we don't think they'll be hanging around for long!

A limited production run of 500 units has been planned from late October to December 2017. Allocation is very limited to FordStores across the country including Furrows FordStore.

There is no customer waiting list, orders will just be fulfilled on a first come, first served basis.

Features include the Quaife mechanical limited-slip differential. Developed by Ford Performance, the Focus RS Edition uses a Quaife LSD on its front axle. This further improves

the RS' class-leading traction.

The mechanical LSD limits the engine torque delivered to a wheel that has reduction traction on the road surface, and redistributes torques to the wheel with more traction to counteract the onset of wheel spin.

### Performance

By controlling the torque delivered to each front wheel, the Focus RS Edition's Quaife LSD enables drivers to more fully exploit the 350PS 2.3-litre EcoBoost engine's power in high performance driving situations, and seamlessly integrates with Focus RS driving technologies.

Other features include:

- Nitrous Blue exterior body colour
- Matt-black foil roof treatment
- New black cast-alloy wheels with blue painted Brembo branded brake callipers
- Matt-black painted door mirrors and rear spoiler
- Partial leather Recaro shell seats in ebony and blue two-tone
- Carbon fibre interior trim parts, including door grab handle and handbrake lever.
- RS Luxury Pack – privacy glass, rear parking sensors, power-fold door mirrors, cruise control with speed limiter and Ford KeyFree System.
- Heated steering wheel
- Active City Stop.

# Trip to remember in a stallion of the road

We know other countries by a cartload of clichés – so Americans are loud, probably flamboyantly dressed and certainly a little on the large side, writes Ian Donaldson.

If that's true about its people (some of the time anyway), the cars from the other side of the pond certainly share those traits. And not always in a bad way.

Which brings us neatly to the car on test today, the latest version of a true American icon and only now available in this sixth generation form with right hand drive.

Ford's Mustang shook up the car world in 1965 by combining a big engine, handsome lines and a relatively modest price in a way that had never been attempted before.

It succeeded beyond the wildest dreams of its creators and stands here today looking fresh and arrestingly handsome and dripping with styling clues stretching back to that game changing original.

The big engine is still there, with more than 400 horses from a rumbling V8 that stays docile as a purring tiger until you poke it with a sharp stick, when it heads for the horizon with the sort of conviction only an excess of power can provide.

For £4,350 less you can take an alternative route to modern-day



This new Mustang is powerful and handsome. It is also big. Mustang heaven with a 2.3-litre EcoBoost engine with four cylinders and 313bhp; actually still quick (145mph and 5.8sec to 62mph) but missing a chunk of Mustang authenticity.

So, this new 'stang is powerful and handsome. It is also big; what's more of a surprise is the modesty of the price Ford is asking for its icon.

You can have a 5.0-litre version on your drive for £38,095, handily below the forty grand line that tips you into extra road tax territory, although

that big, thirsty engine's tailpipe emissions mean a hefty £2,000 first year rate.

A well-equipped bargain too, with superbly comfortable front seats (and enough room in the rear for growing teenagers), dual zone air con, rear view camera, expensive Brembo front brakes, limited slip differential and big 19ins alloy wheels.

And you'll be smiling at the recollection of that noise for weeks to come.



# CHESHIRE TRADE CENTRE

tel: 0800 917 4622

*Car Finance Specialists*

*Call or apply online*

www.cheshiretradecentre.co.uk



SMALL



MEDIUM



LARGE



MPV



PRESTIGE



4X4



SPORTS

**CALL FOR INSTANT DECISION  
DRIVE AWAY IN JUST 1 HOUR**

**OUR CARS  
start from: £15** per week

**PART EXCHANGE ALLOWANCE REGARDLESS OF AGE AND CONDITION**

**TYPICAL  
APR 7.9%**

**£1000\*\* MINIMUM  
PART  
EXCHANGE**

**0% DEPOSIT**

BUY NOW PAY NOTHING UNTIL NOVEMBER 2017

TYPICAL EXAMPLE

Total Cash Price:	£3200	Monthly Payments:	£65
APR:	7.9%	Weekly Payments:	£15
Term of Loan:	60 Months	Total Payable:	£3900



**FORD FIESTA 1.0 ZETEC S  
RED EDITION**  
ONLY £20 TAX PER  
YEAR, RED WITH BLACK  
ALLOYS, CD PLAYER, AIR  
CON, POWER STEERING,  
ELECTRIC WINDOWS, LOW  
INSURANCE, IMMACULATE  
CONDITION

Buy this car, and drive away today from only £45 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5371

**VOLKSWAGEN CC 2.0 TDI  
GT DSG**  
DSG AUTO, FULL LEATHER,  
ALLOYS, CD PLAYER, AIR  
CON, POWER STEERING,  
ELECTRIC WINDOWS, I  
POD CONNECTION, CRUISE  
CONTROL, IMMACULATE  
CONDITION



Buy this car, and drive away today from only £45 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5357

**PEUGEOT 108 1.0 ACCESS**  
\*\* FREE TAX \*\* 3 DOOR,  
UPTO 60 MPG, STILL UNDER  
PEUGEOT WARRANTY TILL  
2018, LOW INSURANCE, AIR  
CON, POWER STEERING,  
ELECTRIC WINDOWS,  
IMMACULATE CONDITION



Buy this car, and drive away today from only £24 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5362

**HYUNDAI ix35 STYLE 2.0  
CRDI 4WD STYLE ESTATE**  
6 SPEED DIESEL, 4WD,  
ALLOYS, CD PLAYER, AIR  
CON, POWER STEERING,  
ELECTRIC WINDOWS,  
IMMACULATE CONDITION



Buy this car, and drive away today from only £49 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5356



**FORD FIESTA 1.6 TDCI  
TITANIUM X**  
\*\* FREE TAX \*\* DIESEL,  
ALLOYS, CD PLAYER, AIR  
CON, POWER STEERING,  
ELECTRIC WINDOWS,  
I POD CONNECTION,  
BLUETOOTH, IMMACULATE  
CONDITION

Buy this car, and drive away today from only £39 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5369

## CARS OF THE WEEK

### VOLKSWAGEN GOLF 2.0 TDI GTD 170



6 SPEED DIESEL, ALLOYS,  
CD PLAYER, AIR CON,  
POWER STEERING, FULL  
HEATED LEATHER, 170  
BHP, I POD CONNECTION,  
BLUETOOTH,  
IMMACULATE CONDITION

Buy this car, and drive away today from only £59 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5347

### VOLKSWAGEN SCIROCCO 2.0 TDI GT COUPE 170



AUTOMATIC, 6 SPEED  
DIESEL, ALLOYS, CD  
PLAYER, AIR CON,  
POWER STEERING,  
ELECTRIC WINDOWS,  
IMMACULATE  
CONDITION

Buy this car, and drive away today from only £45 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5370

### VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.4 DESIGN



5 DOOR, CD PLAYER, AIR  
CON, POWER STEERING,  
ELECTRIC WINDOWS, LOW  
INSURANCE, IMMACULATE  
CONDITION

Buy this car, and drive away today from only £29 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5360



**TOYOTA AYGO 1.0 +**  
ONLY £20 TAX PER  
YEAR, CD PLAYER, AIR  
CON, POWER STEERING,  
ELECTRIC WINDOWS, UPTO  
60 MPG, LOW INSURANCE,  
IMMACULATE CONDITION

Buy this car, and drive away today from only £17 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5364

**HYUNDAI i30 1.6 CRDI  
BLUEDRIVE S**  
\*\* FREE TAX \*\* 6 SPEED  
DIESEL, CD PLAYER,  
AIR CON, POWER  
STEERING, ELECTRIC  
WINDOWS, STILL UNDER  
5 YEAR WARRANTY, I  
POD CONNECTION,  
IMMACULATE CONDITION,  
LOW INSURANCE



Buy this car, and drive away today from only £39 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5358



**VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0  
CDTI SRI AUTOMATIC 170**  
ALLOYS, CD PLAYER, AIR  
CON, POWER STEERING,  
ELECTRIC WINDOWS, I POD  
CONNECTION, IMMACULATE  
CONDITION

Buy this car, and drive away today from only £55 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5368

**PEUGEOT 208 1.0 PURE  
TECH ACCESS+**  
\*\* FREE TAX \*\* WHITE,  
ALLOYS, ELECTRIC  
WINDOWS, POWER  
STEERING, UPTO 60  
MPG, LOW INSURANCE,  
IMMACULATE CONDITION



Buy this car, and drive away today from only £29 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5367

**FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCI  
TITANIUM NAVIGATOR**  
ONLY £20 TAX PER YEAR,  
ALLOYS, CD PLAYER, AIR  
CON, POWER STEERING,  
ELECTRIC WINDOWS,  
6 SPEED DIESEL,  
IMMACULATE CONDITION



Buy this car, and drive away today from only £45 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5363

**HYUNDAI i10 1.2 SE**  
ONLY £30 TAX PER  
YEAR, 5 DOOR, STILL  
UNDER HYUNDAI 5  
YEAR WARRANTY, I  
POD CONNECTION, CD  
PLAYER, AIR CON, POWER  
STEERING, ELECTRIC  
WINDOWS, IMMACULATE  
CONDITION, LOW  
INSURANCE



Buy this car, and drive away today from only £39 per week\*.  
Call us on 0800 917 4622 quoting stock reference: S5359

**WE WON'T BE BEATEN ON PRICE!**

**MORE CARS AVAILABLE - GIVE US A CALL! CARS WANTED FOR CASH**

**NEGATIVE EQUITY ✓ DEFAULTS ✓ NO CREDIT HISTORY ✓ EX. BANKRUPT ✓ CCJ's ✓ DISABILITY ✓**

★ UP TO 3 YEAR WARRANTY  
★ 137 POINT CHECK ★ ROAD TAX  
★ HPI CHECK ★ FULL MOT

**CHESHIRE TRADE CENTRE**

**PARKGATE ROAD • CHESTER CH1 4AY**

**DRIVE AWAY TODAY**

**www.cheshiretradecentre.co.uk**

tel: 0800

917 4622

Mon to Fri  
9am - 7pm  
Saturday  
9am - 6pm





# Revolutionary regeneration of Micra

By Sharon Walters

Nissan described the latest Micra as 'revolutionary' at launch earlier this year. And well it might have. It had to be because although this is the fifth one all the previous incarnations were pretty underwhelming.

But today's Micra is a world apart. You don't need to get inside a new Micra to witness the 'revolution'. It now has dramatic contours and splashes of colour outside and in that make you notice this car in a very good way. Along with the personalisation options to the hatchback.

In fact one in four buyers of the car are choosing to enhance the car's design with additional exterior and interior parts, according to Nissan dealers.

Customer research amongst buyers of the latest Micra reveals that 60% are attracted by the dynamic and expressive styling of the car. This is the number one purchase reason for the new Micra. So Nissan saw the light that so many other manufacturers have been following for some time!

Nissan offers more than 100 combinations available, for both the exterior and interior of the Micra and in a variety of vibrant colours.

My test car was a wonderful combination of blues which certainly did attract admiring looks

Those stand-out looks include concealed handles for the rear doors which gives it a coupe-like feel but with plenty of space in the rear. There's a big, deep boot and you can seat three fairly comfortably in the rear.

The cabin is high-quality with two-tone soft-touch materials standard across the range. It is a very nice place to be.



There's a wide variety of personalisation

Technology is strong with a number of 'in-control' features – the sort usually associated with more expensive models – now available for the first time. Not only are they new to the Micra, they're new to the segment. These include Intelligent Lane Intervention, a safety system which gently corrects the Micra back on to the right path should it be required.

You also get Nissan's acclaimed Intelligent Around View Monitor camera system – as seen on the Qashqai and Juke crossovers – on the Micra for the first time.

For music fans like me, a highlight is the optional BOSE Personal audio system. Unique to the B-hatchback segment, advanced speakers built into the driver's head rest put the driver at the heart of the listening experience.

As for the drive it is also so much better – agile and with a secure feeling and handling.

The car is available with three engines – two petrol and one diesel – all linked to a five-speed manual gearbox. Nissan's familiar five grades of Visia, Visia+, Acenta, N-Connecta and Tekna all feature a high level of standard



Nissan's Micra now has dynamic and expressive styling – gone is the rather dull look

specification. Entry level model comes in at just under £12,000.

I drove the 0.9i IG-T 90 with a five-speed manual transmission (£16,570 but including smartmetallic paint) which came with oodles of kit – both comfort and safety. And on the safety side this car

has been awarded a five-star safety rating in the UK from Euro NCAP, thanks to the standard fitment of intelligent driving technologies in the Safety Assist category of

testing together with a bagful of other active and passive measures and equipment. Every new Micra now comes with six airbags as standard, plus seat belt warnings and seat belt height adjustment in the front. The Isofix car child seat fitting system can be used with the new Micra, including in the front passenger seat, for the best possible child protection.

Additional safety features on every Micra include Electronic Stability Program, anti-lock

brakes and Hill Start Assist. A speed limiter, automatic headlight sensor, automatic hazard lights and a Tyre Pressure Monitoring System are also fitted.

My perky little engine managed well over 60mpg on mixed driving and never felt under pressure either when motorway cruising or taking on winding country lanes.

The Micra small family hatch is now ready again to mix it with the best of the opposition out there out there.

OSWESTRY & BORDER  
**CHRONICLE**

WIRREDDORTH  
**JOURNAL**

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE  
**JOURNAL**

TELFORD  
**JOURNAL**

SHREWSBURY  
**CHRONICLE**

NEWPORT  
**ADVERTISER**



LOOKING FOR A NEW CAR?

View our video road tests at  
[www.shropshirestar.com/motoring](http://www.shropshirestar.com/motoring)

MOTORING IN THE  
SHROPSHIRE WEEKLY  
NEWSPAPERS

Pages and pages of new car offers, used Cars, local motoring stories, national news and private car sales - if you're in the market for a new car - the Shropshire weekly newspapers are a must read!



## Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

### First Teams

#### Premier Division

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Knowle & D.	22	15	2	4	0	1375
Shrewsbury	22	16	1	5	0	1369
Berkswell	22	13	2	5	0	1358
Ombersley	22	13	2	5	0	1351
Barn Green	22	11	2	7	0	1280
WB Dartmouth	22	9	2	9	0	1262
Dorridge	22	9	2	9	0	1261
Wolverhampton	22	6	9	0	2	1216
Kenilworth W.	22	5	4	9	0	1196
Walsall	22	5	1	13	0	1166
Kidderminster	22	2	2	16	0	1149
Brockhampton	22	3	2	16	0	1118

#### Division One

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Smethwick	22	12	3	7	1	1333
Moseley	22	12	1	9	0	1322
Hornley	22	12	1	9	0	1299
Bridgnorth	22	10	9	0	2	1284
Bromsgrove	22	9	4	5	0	1279
Tamworth	22	9	2	9	0	1268
Barnards Green	22	9	1	8	0	1267
Shifnal	22	9	1	8	0	1255
Wellington	22	6	3	11	1	1227
Leamington	22	6	4	9	1	1226
Attock	22	4	4	13	0	1197
Walsley	22	4	4	13	0	1187

#### Division Two

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Oswestry	22	14	1	4	0	1337
Halesowen	22	14	1	6	0	1330
C & R Hawks	22	10	3	6	0	1304
Fordhouses	22	10	3	7	0	1301
Pershore	22	9	5	6	0	1299
Harborne	22	7	4	8	0	1237
Penkridge	22	7	1	12	0	1221
Covenry & NW	22	7	1	12	0	1219
Sutton Coldfield	22	4	3	9	0	1212
Wombourne	22	6	1	11	0	1208
Old E'ethans	22	4	1	13	1	1186
Old Hill	22	3	1	11	0	1152

#### Division Three

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Streety	22	13	0	7	0	1330
Astwood Bank	22	10	6	0	6	1320
Lichfield	22	12	1	7	1	1305
Knard Hall	22	12	1	7	0	1298
Hardsworth	22	11	2	6	1	1291
Stratford-U-Avon	22	10	1	9	0	1280
Newport	22	11	3	6	0	1277
Shoubridge	22	8	8	1	1	1276
Brewod	22	8	8	1	1	1239
Sentinel	22	7	1	13	0	1234
Worcs Nomads	22	5	1	15	0	1178
Nuneaton	22	2	2	18	0	1136

#### Second Teams

##### Premier Division

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wolverhampton	22	16	1	4	0	1435
Knowle & D.	22	14	2	3	0	1341
Knard Hall	22	14	1	3	0	1341
Walsley	22	10	7	7	0	1286
Shifnal	22	8	5	7	1	1271
Moseley	22	9	3	7	0	1267
Harborne	22	8	4	8	0	1249
Leamington	22	6	2	10	0	1230
Hornley	22	4	5	9	0	1208
Brockhampton	22	4	5	13	0	1181
Astwood Bank	22	4	1	15	0	1171
Halesowen	22	3	2	15	0	1151

##### Division One

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Attock	22	13	4	3	0	1370
Tamworth	22	10	2	8	0	1307
Fordhouses	22	10	2	8	0	1299
Bromsgrove	22	10	2	7	0	1287
Ombersley	22	8	5	7	0	1269
WB Dartmouth	22	11	2	8	0	1256
Covenry & NW	22	8	1	11	0	1254
Berkswell	22	8	3	9	0	1246
Old E'ethans	22	6	4	9	0	1217
Smethwick	22	5	1	14	0	1182
Kidderminster	22	4	3	12	0	1173

##### Division Two North

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Shrewsbury	22	18	3	1	0	1420
Penkridge	22	12	4	5	1	1350
Stratford-U-Avon	22	12	1	6	0	1350
Brewod	22	10	7	7	0	1304
Knard Hall	22	10	4	7	1	1288
Bridgnorth	22	10	3	9	0	1287
Wellington	22	11	4	7	0	1284
Newport	22	8	0	14	0	1223
Oswestry	22	5	3	12	2	1211
C & R Hawks	22	6	2	12	0	1210
Sentinel	22	3	6	13	0	1192
Lichfield	22	3	4	14	0	1173

##### Division Two South

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wombourne	22	15	1	3	0	1367
Pershore	22	15	2	5	0	1360
Stratford-U-Avon	22	14	1	3	0	1354
Nuneaton	22	12	1	7	0	1291
Handsworth	22	11	1	7	0	1280
Dorridge	22	8	1	9	0	1257
Wellington	22	14	1	1	0	1330
Old Hill	22	8	1	11	0	1235
Worcs Nomads	22	6	1	15	0	1196
Sutton Coldfield	22	6	1	10	0	1193
Townbridge	22	3	1	17	0	1189
Barnards Green	22	3	1	17	0	1115

## Shropshire County Cricket League

### Premier Division

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Whitchurch	21	14	2	4	1	1371
Ludlow	21	13	4	3	1	1354
Worfield	21	13	2	4	2	1341
Quatt	21	14	1	3	1	1330
Wem	21	14	0	6	1	1324
Brosely	21	12	1	7	1	1304
Newtown	21	8	0	12	1	1230
St Georges	21	6	3	10	1	1211
Knard Hall	21	6	3	10	1	1211
Market Drayton	21	4	0	15	1	1186
Albington	21	0	0	19	1	1174

### Division One

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Bomere Heath	21	18	2	0	1	1426
Cound	21	11	2	6	2	1342
Knockin & K	21	10	2	7	2	1286
Knockin & K	21	9	1	9	2	1271
Whitchurch	21	9	1	9	2	1266
Welsphool	21	9	1	9	2	1266
Conder	21	10	2	8	1	1250
Alberbury	21	6	1	11	3	1238
Beacon	21	6	1	11	3	1238
Montgomery	21	5	1	12	1	1196
Lilleshall	21	4	1	15	1	1176

### Shropshire Division 2

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Whitchurch	21	14	2	4	1	1371
Ludlow	21	13	4	3	1	1354
Worfield	21	13	2	4	2	1341
Quatt	21	14	1	3	1	1330
Wem	21	14	0	6	1	1324
Brosely	21	12	1	7	1	1304
Newtown	21	8	0	12	1	1230
St Georges	21	6	3	10	1	1211
Knard Hall	21	6	3	10	1	1211
Market Drayton	21	4	0	15	1	1186
Albington	21	0	0	19	1	1174

### Shropshire Division 3

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Bomere Heath	21	18	2	0	1	1426
Cound	21	11	2	6	2	1342
Knockin & K	21	10	2	7	2	1286
Knockin & K	21	9	1	9	2	1271
Whitchurch	21	9	1	9	2	1266
Welsphool	21	9	1	9	2	1266
Conder	21	10	2	8	1	1250
Alberbury	21	6	1	11	3	1238
Beacon	21	6	1	11	3	1238
Montgomery	21	5	1	12	1	1196
Lilleshall	21	4	1	15	1	1176

## Division 2

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Pontesbury	21	18	1	2	0	1429
Alcock	21	17	1	1	0	1429
Church Aston	21	11	3	7	0	1289
Shifnal	21	10	2	8	1	1266
Ellesmere	21	10	1	7	0	1262
Wheaton Aston	21	7	8	3	0	1263
Wiley	21	9	1	10	0	1250
Bishops Castle	21	7	2	9	0	1219
Shrewsbury	21	7	1	11	0	1214
Wellington	21	4	1	13	0	1206
Pres	21	5	2	12	0	1169
Church Stretton	21	2	1	18	0	1118

## Division 3

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Ludlow	21	12	2	5	2	1340
Hodnet & T	21	12	3	1	2	1329
Harpers	21	13	1	6	1	1318
Chelmarsh	21	10	4	6	1	1304
Iscoyd & FB	21	10	3	6	2	1295
Calverhall	21	11	1	9	0	1290
Cae Glas	21	11	1	9	0	1270
St Georges	21	6	3	12	0	1241
Trysull & Seidon	21	6	4	10	1	1218
Much Wenlock	21	6	2	10	0	1208
Acton Reynald	21	5	2	12	0	1206
Corvedale	21	3	1	14	0	1132

## Division 4

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Overton-on-Dee	19	14	3	2	0	1349
Hinstock	19	13	1	2	0	1349
Alcock	19	11	2	4	0	1293
Bridgnorth	18	13	0	4	0	1293
Guilsfield	19	9	1	6	0	1241
Coton Hall	19	5	0	10	0	1193
Quayside	19	1	1	11	0	1163
Harcourt	19	6	3	9	0	1142
Llanidloes	18	3	4	9	0	1135
Wroxeter Grove	18	5	1	11	0	1135
Oswestry	19	1	1	15	3	1050

## Second Teams

### Division 1

.....	21	17	1	2	1408
.....	21	14	2	3	2341
.....	21	11	4	6	0338
.....	21	13	1	5	2326
.....	21	6	5	9	1252
.....	21	8	2	10	1235
.....	21	5	4	9	3220
.....	21	6	2	10	3219
.....	21	6	4	10	1211
.....	21	6	1	12	2210
.....	21	5	0	13	3188
.....	21	5	2	13	1169



## Guilsfield bounce back after first defeat

GUILSFIELD bounced back from a first defeat of the season by overcoming Holyhead Hotspur 2-0 at Clos Mytton to stay among the leading places in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

Having been downed 3-0 away to leaders Airbus UK the week before, it was the perfect response from the Guils as well taken goals from Adam Jenkins (18) and Asa Hamilton (47) secured a fourth win of the campaign.

Victory lifted Nathan Leonard's side up to third in the table, two points behind Airbus who continue to fly high after making it four wins on the trot with a 3-0 success at Penrhyncoch.

They had the better of the first half against Holyhead, with Jenkins making the breakthrough with a composed turn and finish, while the same player also had another chance along with Louis Irvine. Hamilton gave the hosts some breathing space early in the second period with other well taken goal.

Meanwhile, **CAERSWS** remain in the lower reaches of the table after succumbing 3-1 away to Holywell Town. They were chasing the game after 90 seconds when Matty Harvey headed the Wellmen in front following some defensive confusion.

The Bluebirds rallied, carving a string of opportunities, but were twice caught on the break in the second half through Steve Lewis (57) and Darren Gowans (69).

The chances continued for the visitors, before Rhyddian Davies netted a consolation from the penalty spot two minutes from time after a Phil Jones cross had been handled.

## Hartshorn is hat-trick hero in Saints win

DAVE Hartshorn fired a hat-trick as St Martins notched a welcome 3-0 win at lowly Willenhall to boost their fortunes in the West Midlands League division one

After the previous week's FA Vase debut defeat to Ashby Ivanhoe, the Saints hit back in fine fashion as they bagged their second league win that lifted they up to 12th.

They took the lead 15 minutes into the game when a ball over the top from hardworking midfielder Jordan Gerrard was sweetly taken down by Hartshorn who beat his marker before slotting home.

The striker doubled the lead 10 minutes later from the penalty spot after he was brought down in the box. He completed his hat-trick early in the second half when slotting in after being set up Shawn Melusi who stole the ball from the Willenhall centre half inside the box.

Buoyed by the win in their sixth game on the road, St Martins play their first home game on Saturday when they take on Tipton Town at Park Hall (3pm).

## Zak's the way in Village win

ST MARTINS Village are joint top of the Sportsjam Regional League division one after their 5-1 hammering of Wrockwadiene Wood Juniors.

Zak Ward led the charge with a hat-trick, Aaron Davies weighing in with a double to take the Saints to the summit along with Coven United. Both sides are unbeaten, with 10 points from four outings.

Meanwhile, Four Crosses eased into the second round of the Llansantffraid Village Cup with a 7-1 romp away to Llanfchain.

**Montgomeryshire League division two:** Llanfyllin Town Res 2 Abernule Res 5, Trefonen 2 Carno Res 0. **Llansantffraid Village Cup round one:** Llanfchain 1 Four Crosses 7, Melford 4 Llanymynech 3, Trefewn 5 Kerry Res 2.

# Llanfair late drama puts them second

**FOOTBALL** by John Bridgwater

**A DRAMATIC finish saw Llanfair United overcome spirited Tywyn Bryn-crug 5-3 at the Mount Field to move up to second in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.**

Llanfair had been 3-1 up, were pegged back to 3-3 with five minutes remaining, but scored twice in injury time to wrap up the points.

Toby Evans got the first when he rounded the keeper and Phil Hughes then notched the first of his hat-trick to put the hosts two up.

Although Tywyn pulled one back, Llanfair restored their two goal cushion at the break courtesy of Hughes' second of the game.

Llanfair looked to be in charge after the interval, but the visitors rallied to pull back to 3-3 with five minutes remaining.

In a thrilling finale, Phil Hughes headed home a Paul Griffiths corner on 90 minutes to complete his hat-trick and put the home side back in front before Andrew Hughes sealed the win a minute later.

On song **LLANRRHAEADR** turned up the heat in division one after thrashing 10-man Borth United 6-0 to move up to third in the table. A day after former Manchester United and England legend David Beckham had been in the village, Llan's footballers turned on the style as they stormed into a five goal lead at the break against their basement visitors.

They never looked back after going ahead through Marc Griffiths' close range opener on 10 minutes, and Khyam Wyton cut in from the right before smashing his shot into the top corner to double the lead on the half hour.

### Penalty spot

Dan Graham added a third from the penalty spot after the visitors had their keeper sent off for a foul to put Llan firmly in charge.

Wyton then got his second of the game before an own goal from the stand-in keeper made it 5-0 at the half time break.

With the game effectively won, Llan eased off in the second period, with just one goal coming when Griffiths bagged his brace on 75 minutes.

The goals also flowed at Maesdyre as fourth placed **WELSHPOOL** finished 4-4 with Kerry in a thrilling encounter in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

After being edged out by the odd goal in seven against Aberaeron in the Welsh Cup the week before, Pool again served up plenty of entertainment.

Will Thomas, Dan Bowen and Sam Evans all found the net for the hosts along with an own goal from Liam Andrew, but newly promoted Kerry were up for the battle as they continued their creditable start to life in division one.

Max McLaughlin and Luke Mumford each scored twice for the Lambs, while both sides had their chances to have taken all three points.

High-flying Llanidloes Town remain in pole position, two points above Llanfair United, after a hard-fought 1-0 success at Aberaeron, the decisive goal coming from Richie Evans in the second half.

**BERRIEW** left it late before securing a 1-1 draw at Carno with Dave Roberts earning parity three minutes into injury time of a hard fought encounter. Harry Vince-Holt was on the mark for the home side who paid for missed chances.

Bow Street ran out 3-1 home winners against Knighton Town to cement their place in the

## Joe England aim as tribute to Mike



Oswestry cricketer Joe Clarke in limited-overs action for Worcestershire

**WORCESTERSHIRE** batsman Joe Clarke hopes he can one day earn a full England cap in memory of one of his former mentors, writes **JONNY DRURY**.

Batsman Clarke has paid tribute to his former mentor at Oswestry Cricket Club Mike Robinson, who passed away following a short illness. Robinson was a relative of Clarke's father, and the England Lions batsman recalled his memories of the Oswestry cricketing stalwart.

He said: "To hear the news was devastating. Robbo is my dad's cousin, so when I was looking

for a cricket club to start junior cricket, he was the first man to be called.

"He has supported me from my under-11s debut for Oswestry to my current professional career and was always one of the first to text to congratulate me after a good game, or if I have been selected for a tour.

### Encouraged

"He has encouraged so many local juniors to play cricket and had such a big impact on cricket in Oswestry and Shropshire and he will be sadly missed by all in-

volved in the game.

"My memories of playing for Oswestry with his two sons and my cousins Paul and Mark whilst Mike scored are so very fond."

The batsman, who has been tipped for a late Ashes push by Pears director of cricket Steve Rhodes, is hoping he can one day pull on the full England jersey for Mr Robinson.

Clarke added: "He always gave me great confidence in my ability and always positively said since a young age I'd play for England, so hopefully I can do him justice and put on that shirt for him."

upper reaches of the table.

Mattie Evans carved a first half lead, with Lion Rhys Jenkins and Dean Evans settling the issue in the second period.

Churchstoke succumbed 3-2 at Radnor Valley, while Llandrindod Wells thrashed Machynlleth 5-0 to maintain their climb with a second league win.

In division two, Nathan Prodger scored twice as **LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE** overcame Hay St

Mary's 3-0 at Treflan, Harry Kerr getting the other goal.

**MONTGOMERY** crashed 6-0 at leaders Builth Wells while **DYFFRYN BANW** also returned empty handed from their 2-1 reverse at Brecon Northcote.

Abernule won 2-0 against Penybont to climb up to sixth in the table while Presteigne beat Newbridge 4-2 the night before to go third. Elsewhere, second placed Dolgellau's home clash with Talgarth was postponed.

## The latest returns from Shropshire golf clubs

#### BRIDGNORTH

**Ladies' Foursomes Cup:** Judith Daves & Lucy Lawrence 72-5; Angela Hinton & Jackie Foster 80.0.

**Medal 9:** Vanessa Statham 98-20=78.

**Stableford 9:** Soheila Stadnik 41pts; Rose Morgan 38pts.

**Eleanor Turner Cup:** Soheila Stadnik 41pts. **Medal 10:** Lynn Davis 94-16=78.

**Medal 11 Silver Division:** Vivien Catterall 91-17=74. **Bronze Division:** Diana Marsh 93-23=70. **Runner Up:** Veronica Gough 102-30=72.

**Betty Day Cup:** Judith Davies 39pts; Carolyn Lees 38pts; Jing Reade 38pts.

**Macmillan Cancer Comp:** Lucy Lawrence 40pts.

**Grandmas Salver:** Gina Barker 37pts; Barbara Talbott 36pts; Rose Morgan 36pts.

**Stableford 10 Silver Division:** Rose Morgan 36pts. **Bronze Division:** Diana Marsh 37pts. **Runner Up:** Gina Barker 37pts.

**Medal 13:** Stephanie Overton 95-14=81. **Pritchard Gordon Cup:** Val Collins 96-27=69; Judith Davies 86-16=70; Jane Jasper 101-30=71.

**Medal 14:** Jing Reade 91-22=69.

**Medal 15:** Judith Galsworthy 102-28=74; Jane Jasper 103-74=28.

**Linda Marklew Trophy:** Marlyn Radford 37pts (after a play off); Vanessa Statham 37pts; Lynn Davis 36pts.

#### LILLESALL HALL

**Autumn Cup:** O Reynolds 72-5=67; R Butler 77-9=68; K Styles 83-14=69; A Sayner 89-18=71; A Sutton 81-9=72; A Smith 89-17=72; M Jones 92-20=72.

**Mixed Open:** M Dunn, Mrs J Dunn (Enville), T Hewitt, Mrs S Hewitt (S.Staffs) 81; D Peake, Mrs A Peake (Trentham), Ms G Douce (Trentham), B Whitworth (Shifnal) 78; Ms G Winstanley, T Somerfield, Mrs J Martin, R Martin (The Warwickshire) 78; P Beckley, Mrs M Beckley (Newmarket), L McKenzie, Mrs M Shepherd (LHG) 76.

**Ladies' Medal 12 & Putter Brooch:** J Cole 96-19=77; J Seager 108-30=78; J Major 109-30=79; G Wallace 111-32 =79; A Mallon-Morris 97-16=81; J Cann 96-15=81.

**Seniors' September Stableford:** S Walker 38; K Brown 36; P Sorby 35; P Evison 35; M Roman 34; D Ferguson 34; I Smith 34.

#### LLANYMYNECH

**September Medal and 30's Cup Division 1 Winner:** Chris Evans 84-7=77. **Runner Up:** Sue Bonsall 99-20=79. **Division 1 Winner:** Sue McMahon 98-21=77. **Runner Up:** Chris Thomas 110-26=84; **Division 3 and 30's Cup Winner:** Annie Prince 115-35=80. **Runner Up:** Merry Andrew 116-33=83.

#### THE BROW

**Francis Millennium Trophy:** John Youens 85-21=64 (cb); Peter Barker 83-19=64 (cb); Ian Robertson 89-25=64; Ian Davies 85-19=66.

**P & J Vehicle Repairs Bogeey Comp:** Peter Barker +6; Trevor Williams +2 (cb); Ed Davies +2 (cb); Barrie Thomas +2 (cb); Ian Davies +2.

## Broadhurst is confirmed as S&H speaker

FORMER Ryder Cup star Paul Broadhurst will be the guest of honour at the Shropshire & Herefordshire annual golf dinner next month.

Broadhurst, who also won the Seniors Open Championship last year, will be the speaker at the event at Telford's Whitehouse Hotel, adjoined to the New Bucks Head, on Friday, October 6.

Ernie Wilks, S&H president said: "It's a real coup for us to get Paul to what is a celebration of golf in Shropshire and Herefordshire over the past year.

"He had a fantastic career topped off by winning a senior Major last year, and I'm sure it will be at entertaining night."

The event is open to all members of golf clubs in Shropshire & Herefordshire and tickets, priced at £25 to include a three-course meal, can be reserved through club secretaries or captains.

For further enquiries contact James on 07977 591688.

## Seconds sign off with win

OSWESTRY II finished the season on a high with a 61-run win over Sentinel II in a high scoring affair in the Birmingham League 2nd XI division two (north).

Opting to bat first, they racked up an impressive 303-6 off their 45 overs, with skipper Jonny Davies top scoring with 96, Luke Jones 74 and Sam Davies 75 not out.

Sentinel got off to a good start before being dismissed for 242 off their 45 overs, with skipper Niall Sallisbury top scorer with 70. Oswestry's Sam Davies took 2-29.



## Depleted Glas slip to defeat at Ludlow

A DEPLETED Cae Glas slipped to a four wicket defeat at high flying Ludlow III despite a promising start to their Henshalls Shropshire League division three clash.

Batting first, Glas were going well with opener Andy Griffiths (47) leading the way, before a flurry of wickets saw them dismissed for 116 in this 40 over affair.

In reply, Ludlow got home with Ed Riley finishing on 35 not out, with Gary Davies and Nick Broadbent taking two wickets apiece for the visitors.

With only nine players, it was important Cae Glas made a positive start, and this they did with openers Ian Holgate and Griffiths scoring runs at a steady pace. With 58 on the board, however, Holgate (26) was first to fall.

Skipper George Candler joined Griffiths, and both kept the scoreboard moving before Candler went for 22. This prompted the first major batting collapse of the season with the next six wickets falling for just 14 run to leave the visitors on 116 all out in 36 overs. Griffiths top scored with 47. Pick of the Ludlow bowlers was skipper Scott Kemsley who took 4-15.

Cae Glas had to take wickets early, and this they did with the pace of Gary Davies and the leg spin of Barry Richards getting the home side wobbling at 15-3.

However, middle order batsmen Josh Williams (22), Richard Mapp (29) and Ed Riley (35 not out) eased the league leaders to victory in the 36th over with Cae Glas claiming six wickets.

A century opening stand set up **CAE GLAS II** for a winning draw against their Bishop's Castle counterparts in the 2nd XI League division three.

Cae Glas were invited to bat first in a match reduced to 30 overs.

With a slow wicket and a wet outfield, boundaries were in short supply, but both openers adapted well to the conditions and positive running saw the hosts total 122 without loss. Bishop's Castle closed 18 runs short on 104-6.

## Pool skipper Rob hits ton in away win

SKIPPER Rob Anderson led from the front with a fine century as Welshpool notched a four wicket win at Cound in the Henshalls Shropshire League division one.

Chasing a revised target of 206 from 41 overs following rain, all rounder Anderson struck a blistering unbeaten 101, with seven sixes and nine fours, to guide Pool home with three overs to spare. Patrick Davies also weighed in with an unbeaten 41.

Earlier, Cound posted 226-7 in 45 overs, opener Graham Trow cracking 84, but it was Welshpool's day with 24 points to take back over the border. Victory lifted the visitors up to sixth in the table.

In the same division, **KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY** crashed to a 10 wicket defeat at home to Wroxeter Grove after being bowled out for 113.

**FRANKTON** failed to halt title chasing Ludlow as they suffered a 63-run loss to the high fliers in the Shropshire League premier division.

Opting to bat first, Ludlow racked up 230-8 in 50 overs, with Luke Miles hitting 54 and Sam Roberts an unbeaten 45, while Abdullah Asif picked up a creditable 3-31 from 15 overs.

In reply, Frankton slumped to 167 all out in 48.3 overs, Thomas Wilkie holding the innings together with 71, with four sixes and five fours, while James Wigley chipped in with a useful 28.

Ruel Brathwaite was the pick of the Ludlow attack with 4-33 off 15 overs, and fellow opening bowler Joe Williams 4-27, also off 15 overs.



Oswestry's Luca Owen-Youens boots a conversion during the impressive win at Didsbury. ■ Picture: Martin Ord.

# Eagles flying after comeback victory

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

**RESILIENT Oswestry stormed back to clinch a 24-19 success away at Manchester club Didsbury to record their second win of the campaign in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two.**

Trailing 19-12, the Eagles turned it around in the second half to return with a bonus point win that will put them in good heart for Saturday's home clash with Orwell (3pm).

After a short delay due to the referee being caught in traffic, a strong Didsbury team took to the pitch in confident mood after a big win the previous week. Oswestry started well, though, with Italian Marco Bercich making a strong run, but the hosts worked their way upfield.

Luca Owen-Youens pulled off a try saving tackle in one attack but, after several minutes of prolonged pressure, Didsbury's No8 drove over for a converted try on 10 minutes.

The Eagles made a swift riposte with an unconverted score to reduce the arrears, with Owen-Youens providing a great pass to James Roberts who raced over in the corner.

After the visitors conceded several needless penalties, Callum Crutchelly, who was making his debut, then went on a powerful charge, while Tom Keaveny made some aggressive tackling to keep Didsbury at bay.

Bercich, who was making his second appearance for the club, battled on despite an ankle injury, and Oswestry got their noses in front when

Thomas Henry Jones ran through for second try in the corner, Owen Youens kicking the conversion for a 12-7 advantage.

After making two changes, Didsbury cranked up the pressure, but were met by some terrific tackling throughout the team, notably Bercich who appeared to be everywhere putting his body on the line.

However, the visitors were finally breached as Didsbury pushed over for another try which was converted to lead 14-12. As a result of all the hard tackling, Crutchelly suffered a serious injury to his wrist and took no further part in the match, being replaced by Mike Keaveny.

### Penalties

James Roberts then made yet another try saving tackle during lengthy first half injury time to keep Oswestry in sight at the break.

More fierce tackling in the second half saw Guy Howells have to retire with a nasty blood injury to his hand, with Iwan Ellis coming on.

After the substitution, Owen-Youens made a good 35-yard run into the Didsbury half, but the home side hit back upfield to score a third try for a 19-12 lead. After a scrappy spell which resulted in both sides conceding silly penalties, Thomas Henry Jones was substituted by the second Italian player in the squad, Nikola Nicholov.

Oswestry continued to press, and with great support play by Andy Merrett and Nick Clay, mighty Fijian Viliame Masirewa powered over to reduce the arrears to two points.

Sensing victory, the Eagles were again camped close to the home line, and captain Andrew Smith launched a powerful run to cross the whitewash, with Owen-Youens adding the conversion.

Didsbury battled to retrieve the game as they attacked in a nail biting finish, but Oswestry held firm for a bonus point win that lifted them up to fourths, and lie two places ahead of this weekend's visitors, Orrell. There were many candidates for man-of-the match, but the honour was given to Marco Bercich.

Meanwhile, **OSWESTRY II** went down 29-22 at home to Lymm IV in the Freshnet North West League division.

## COBRA bowled over with win



No8 Chris Morris squeezes over in the corner for COBRA's second try in their WRU Bowl victory and (below) Ieuan Williams on the charge against Menai Bridge. ■ Pictures: Ian Jones.

COBRA kept their flag flying in the WRU Bowl after navigating a potentially tricky first round hurdle by pulling off a 22-14 victory away to Menai Bridge.

The Meifod men made the trek to Anglesey in good heart after their 59-7 beating of local rivals Welshpool in their opening game in the Welsh League division two (north) the week before.

But they were made to battle all the way by their North Wales hosts before eventually getting over the line to progress to the second round.

After snuffing out some early pressure, COBRA opened up a 10-0 lead by the interval with Will Worthington kicking a penalty and then adding the conversion after hooker Steve Isaac had gone over from a line-out.

They had a lot of possession after the break, but failed to capitalise after carving several openings as mistakes crept into their play. And it looked as though they may pay the price for their lapses as Menai Bridge stormed back to take a 14-10 lead with two converted scores.

First, the hosts got over from a charge down and then a well worked move in midfield unlocked the Llanfair side's defence for a second try.

Their pressure eventually paid off as No8 Chris Morris touched down following several good phases of play, and centre Dan Williams capped a fine display with an interception try. Worthington converted to give his side



some breathing space.

COBRA will now look to maintain their winning start when they head to Llangollen in the North Wales League division one on Saturday.

Welshpool, who have suffered a couple of hefty defeats this term, bowed out the WRU Bowl at the first stage with a 47-14 exit at the hands of Powys rivals Llanidloes at Maesdyre.

Pool paid for a poor first half in which they trailed 28-0 and, despite improving after the break with a couple of touchdowns, there was no way back.

The two sides came face to face again at Maesdyre on Saturday, this time in the Welsh League division two (north).

Llanidloes made a flying start

when Jordan Davies raced over for an interception try, Rob Cooper converting.

Three more tries followed, with No8 Gareth Anwyl, wing Richard Pryce and Davies, with his second, crossing the line.

Welshpool did their best to rally in the second half, and reduced the arrears with a try from centre Drew Evans converted by Dan Earl. Llani were in no mood to loosen their grip, though, with Rob Evans going over, and Anwyl scored his second try.

Centre Adam Price completed the scoring with a seventh touchdown for the visitors, with Cooper adding two more conversions for a 12-point haul. Pool kept battling away and gained a second try from wing Chris Proctor.

## Ifton sign off with a loss – Wem to play-off

IFTON brought the curtain down a tough campaign in the Salop Leisure Shropshire Premier Bowls League with a closely fought 9-5 loss at Wrockwardine Wood.

Having eased their basement fears with three straight wins, the St Martins side had their chances as they more than matched their hosts before losing by nine shots (216-207).

That defeat saw them finish second bottom in the table, one point behind Bylet who edged above courtesy of a 10-2 (243-150) beating or rock bottom Wem USC.

Dave Bond notched the best result of the night for Ifton when winning 21-10, while Craig Griffiths came through 21-11.

The other wins came from Darren Lacey 21-13, Geraint Williams 21-16 and Sam Williams 21-19. Lacey finished his side's most successful player in the season with 16 wins from 24 appearances.

It could have been better for the St Martins side on the last night of the season with Ian Metcalfe and Keiron Roberts both losing to 20, and Paul Martin was edged out to 19.

Castlefields were confirmed as 2017 champions after getting six points at Chester Road. They finished five clear of Sir John Bayley, with Newport in third, and St Georges pipping Bowring to fourth.

Bylet won the most improved team prize after finishing 28 points better than last season.

Meanwhile, basement side Wem will be looking for some form ahead of their play-off final on Friday, October 8, in order to preserve their record of being in the league every season so far.

## Town suffer nine defeats on the spin

IT was another barren day for FC Oswestry Town who crashed 3-0 at home to basement rivals St Helens Town in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one - their ninth straight defeat.

Town had gone into the encounter knowing it was one they really had to win, but again emerged empty handed to remain at the foot of the table without a point to their names.

Town began well enough and carved some good chances, but went behind to a goal from Daniel Lomax on 32 minutes.

The hosts thought they had levelled, but were denied by a close offside decision, before second half strikes from Neil Weaver (50) and Shawn Brady (63) sealed a crucial win for the Merseyside visitors.

As well as eight league losses, the Oswestry side also suffered a 5-0 exit at Wolverhampton Community in the first round of the Buildbase FA Vase the week before.

## Tennis club share spoils

HONOURS were shared as Oswestry Tennis Club's third mixed team hosted High Ercall II in Group 5N of the Shropshire Autumn Doubles League.

Their first pair of David Clough and Linda Clark dropped the first set 3-6, but fought back to win the second set 6-4. This took the rubber to a deciding third set tie break before losing out 0-1 (5-10).

The second pair of the newly formed partnership of Saffron Rainey and Rebecca Hollywell ran out convincing 6-1, 6-1 victors.

In the reverse rubbers, Clough and Clark ran out straight sets winners in 6-1, 6-3, but Rainey and Hollywell found the opposing first pair too strong and were defeated in straight sets 2-6, 3-6.



# Sport

**Cricket**  
Clarke targets an  
England spot – P38

**Rugby**  
Eagles flying with  
battling win – P39



OSWESTRY SPORTS DESK 01743 283301

WWW.OSWESTRYCHRONICLE.COM

## New Saints aim to down the leaders

THE New Saints will look to rediscover their scoring touch when they target the JD Welsh Premier's only unbeaten side Llandudno at Park Hall on Friday (7.45).

The defending champions were left frustrated when drawing a blank in last week's goalless deadlock at Cardiff Met University despite having their opportunities.

So they will look to come out with all guns firing against early pacesetters Llandudno who arrive three points clear at the summit following four wins and a draw.

Victory tonight would take the Saints top of the table, and boss Scott Ruscoe is backing his side to hit the goal trail again after their stalemate in Cardiff.

"We played well, created chances and did enough to get the win, but it wasn't to be," he said.

Tonight's rivals have only played three times at Park Hall, with one draw and two wins for the Saints who ran out emphatic 5-0 victors in the last meeting between the sides a year ago.

Ruscoe, who made changes for the visit to Cardiff Met last week, will again be weighing up the make-up of his side for this evening's tussle. Chris Marriott and Steven Saunders remain on the sidelines.

Last week's stalemate was the Saints' fourth successive clean sheet in the league, a habit the TNS boss is keen to continue.

TNS' young defender Ryan Pryce, who played in the Champions League in the summer, has joined Welsh Premier rivals Cefn Druids on loan until the New Year.

The highly-rated Telford-born defender made the successful transition from youth to first-team at Park Hall when he made his debut in the 2014-2015 season.

TNS under-19s remain top of the Welsh Premier development league (north) after continuing their winning start with a 1-0 success at Flint Town United, sub Tom Gray getting the game's only goal.

## Town back bosses despite poor start

FC OSWESTRY Town's management team have been given the club's backing despite a dismal start to the season.

Richard Williams-Cooke and Ryan Butcher took over with high hopes during the summer, but have seen their side suffer nine straight defeats.

Eight of those have come in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one, including last Saturday's 3-0 home loss to basement rivals St Helens Town.

The Oswestry side now find themselves rooted to the foot of the table but the club are standing by the duo, saying: "We have faith in our management team who have the club's full support to turn the current situation around. Come on lads, let's stick together."

# CHAMPION DAY FOR OSWESTRY

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

**JUST champion! Oswestry's cricketers were toasting their most poignant title win in the club's history after finishing top of the Birmingham League division two amid jubilant scenes at Morda Road.**

The league leaders kept their pledge by beating Wombourne in the final game of the season to clinch the league crown in memory of their late chairman, Mike Robinson.

Skipper Robbie Clarke could not hide his delight after victory was sealed, paying tribute to his young charges and also club stalwart Robinson who passed away just a few weeks back.

"The boys were magnificent," he said. "After a late season wobble, we achieved what we had set out to do at the beginning of the season."

"Winning the title was the icing on the cake. Mike would have been so proud. We all owe him so much. We are already looking forward to the challenges of next season, and know we will have to strengthen in one or two areas, but we will be prepared."

On a day charged with emotion, start of played was delayed by over two hours as ground staff mopped up following heavy overnight rain.

With the encounter reduced to 35 overs each side, the game began with a minute's silence held in memory of the club's late chairman and his wife, Lesley.

Put in to bat, the Staffordshire visitors found boundaries were very much at a premium on a soggy outfield before reaching 132-5 off their allotted overs.

Karl Quiney batted well for 34, with Dan Bassett striking a belligerent 42 for the visitors.

Left arm spinner Mark Robinson was the pick of the Oswestry bowlers with a return of 2-22, while Roman Walker, Warrick Fynn and the ever-green Ian Davies shared the remaining wickets.

In reply, the high flying hosts found batting no easier as the Wombourne attack gave little away.

Despite the early loss of Joe Carrasco, followed by the departure of Fynn (18), who fell just short of his 1,000 league runs for the season, the home side recovered.

With young captain Clarke dropping anchor, and the talented Alun Morris once again showing his class with a cameo innings of 34, the scoring rate was maintained as Oswestry pushed for victory. A sudden flurry of wickets, however, saw the Morda Road men reduced to 79-5 to leave the game still in the balance.

Clarke was then joined by young Josh Kirk and the pair put on 56 for the sixth wicket in rapid time, as Kirk (36no) smashed the last two balls of the game over extra cover for consecutive sixes to clinch victory. much to the delight of the large home crowd.

## Becks lands in Llanrhaeadr



Former Llanrhaeadr player Harri Matthews, now with Meifod, gets to meet David Beckham after the England and Manchester United star landed in the village

FOOTBALL legend David Beckham stunned villagers in a tiny Welsh village on Friday night and even stopped to take photos with star-struck fans.

The ex-Manchester United legend David Beckham was in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant to reportedly shoot an advert.

He was driven to Llanrhaeadr FC's pitch, near Oswestry, with the club even sharing a joke that he had signed to play for the Spar Mid Wales League team.

Some lucky fans had their picture taken with Beckham, including Catrin Roberts and her daughter Freya who said the former England captain was a real gent. Mrs Roberts, who works at the orthopaedic hospital in Gobowen, said: "We saw the helicopter land on the local football field, so being inquisitive, we went to have a look. Someone Googled the numbers on

the helicopter and found that it was a private one and then someone found out that Beckham was rumoured to be filming at our local famous waterfall.

"Ten minutes later two blacked out vehicles turned up by the football field with various people coming out of them. Then I spotted Becks walking towards the football field with his baseball hat on and on his phone.

"He didn't really look at the crowds just went straight to the helicopter, so I presumed he would fly straight off, but fair play, he came back out and stood there for about 15 minutes taking photos with all us locals.

"He was fantastic. Nothing was too much trouble. A real gent. I'm still buzzing." Becks even shared a selfie of himself in front of the 240ft waterfall and said it was "ridiculously beautiful."

## Llanfair eye good run in FAW Trophy

BOSS Rhys Stephens is looking for his Llanfair United side to make their mark in the FAW Trophy - but first they need to navigate a tricky second round tie at home to Carno on Saturday.

Llanfair can go into the encounter in good heart after moving second in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a 5-3 victory over Tywyn Brynrcrug in which they scored twice in injury time.

"We showed a lot of spirit and character to come back and win after conceding an equaliser five minutes from time," said Stephens.

"Our thoughts now turn to the FAW Trophy, and it's definitely a competition we want to do well in. It's wide open, but it's a difficult start for us, and we could hardly have had a tougher tie than against Carno at this stage."

LLANRHAEDR, who put six goals past Borth United last weekend, will fancy their chances at home to Montgomery while Churchstoke visit Bow Street.

BERRIEW face a trip to Llandrindod Wells and boss Dave Jones anticipates a tricky test on the road against improving opponents.

"It's another tough game as we continue a run of five straight games away from home," he said.

"It is never easy at Llandod and they have picked up recently with a couple of wins."

Dave Roberts is unavailable but Matt Mumford returns after missing the last-gasp 1-1 draw at Carno.

It was Roberts who earned Berriew a 93rd minute point when firing home after keeper Dave Jones had won a header after going up for a corner.

Saturday's ties (2.30pm, central Wales clubs only): Bow Street v Churchstoke, Llansantffraid Village v Presteigne, Llanrhaeadr v Montgomery Town, Radnor Valley v Brecon Northcote, Llanfair United v Carno, Trewern Utd v Machynlleth, Llandrindod Wells v Berriew, Knighton Town v Tywyn Brynrcrug, Dyffryn Banw v Llanidloes Town.

## Atherton suffers more injury woes

RACHEL Atherton was left "devastated" after suffering more injury heart-break as she was forced to pull out of the UCI Mountain Bike World Championship finals in Australia.

The Llanrhaeadr ace - looking to defend her world title in Cairns - withdrew from the GB cycling team after picking up an injury during the training day.

"To say I'm absolutely devastated doesn't even come close," said the 29-year-old Trek Factory Racing rider.

I felt like my old self for the first time in months, but a broken collarbone put an end to me defending my World Championships title."

It has been a frustrating season for the record breaking former Marches School pupil who suffered a dislocated shoulder in an early round of the World Downhill series in Fort William.

## End of Season Golf Sale

Please call into the shop for more details

### OSWESTRY GOLF CLUB

Aston Park, Queen's Head, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 4JJ  
Tel: 01691 610535 Email: [secretary@oswestrygolfclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@oswestrygolfclub.co.uk)  
[www.oswestrygolfclub.co.uk](http://www.oswestrygolfclub.co.uk)



Published by the Oswestry Chronicle and printed by Shropshire Newspapers Limited, Ketley, Telford. Registered at the P.O. as a newspaper. Price when sold 70p

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT  
RECYCLING  
The recycled content  
of newspapers in 2016  
was 62.8%

